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French seek to curb bankers' power

# Euro money divides Bonn and Paris

FROM ROGER BOYES IN NUREMBERG

I RANCE and Germany last night failed to patch up their quarre; over the stability pact which is supposed to secure fiscal discipline after the startup of European monetary

instead, under the guise of declaring a common European war against the Mafia and terrorism, they opened up a new front in the campaign for a more tightly integrated Europe. In a joint open letter to the Irish presidency they urged that the principal of "flexibility", which allows fast integrators to move forward without other more sluggish: Europeans, be extended from prein policy to areas such as nmon immigration, visa

and asylum decisions: If the ideas are taken up they could pose a serious challenge to Britain, which has been resisting federal European solutions to interior and fudicial matters.

The joint initiative could not ne Germ sense of failure. After several hours of talks between-Helmut Kohl, the German-Chancellor, and President Chirac the best that could be produced was a statement that every effort would be made to secure agreement on the stability pact before the Dublin

summit on Friday. Herr Kohl refused to be drawn into the British debate t over the criteria for entry, saying: "There is no point at all in speculating now about who will or who will not take part in monetary union, that is a decision for 1998.

The differences over EMU between M Chirac and Herr. Kohl are as stark as ever. Theo Vaigel, the German Finance. inister, was adamant in

alks with his French counterert Jean Arthuis that some n of automatic sanctions had to be imposed on mone-

tary backsliders.
M Arthuis and, later M

### Cabinet sceptics secure debate

Senior ministers have secured the right to a Cabinet debate on the single currency in the year and are clinging to the hope that it will result in more sceptical line in the months leading to the general

Chirac, said that major financial decisions had to be made by democratically elected politicians and in the words of the French leader, a counterbalance had to be found to the European central bank, just as the Bundesbank has a balancing element in the form of the man Government".

Yet Herr Kohl, accompanied by half a dozen ministers, did not take up the French call for a so-called "stability coun-CIL IDSI COURT SCI S economic counterweight to the

central bankers. The arguments with Britain became apparent when the two leaders released their letter to the Irish presidency. For example, France and Germany want the Schengen agreement, which scraps border controls between certain European states, to be made part of European policy by attaching a protocol to the Union treaty. This could then become a model for other

areas of policy. The two countries propose that common European standards should be set for asylum to prevent suspected terrorists or criminals sheltering in one member state. Again and again M Chirac came back to the need for a coherent EU response to terrorism, which is fresh in his mind after last week's bomb attack on the

Chancellor Kohl promised

to steam ahead with Europol, the European police force, despite British reservations about the large supervisory role allocated to the European Court of Justice. The EU should also work out minimum penalties for certain crimes so that organised criminals could not play off one EU

country against another. The Franco-German sug estions will not only touch British interests. The Frenchinspired plan to harmonise drug policies, and thus end. Holland's liberal line on soft drugs, gamed the full backing of the Chancellor.

Both countries signalled their intention to extend the use of qualified majority voting to many areas of foreign policy and came up with a rather scrappy compromise on "Mr Europe", the notional figurehead for a common European foreign policy.

The two leaders agreed there was a need for a "face" foreign policy but seemed unsure whether it should be a specially created position. Other countries had to be consulted on this, said the letter in an unusual concession to the rest of Europe. Malcolm Rifkind said yesterday that Britain's ability to negotiate at the Dublin summit might be hampered by the fact that some governments were waiting for Labour to get

into power.
The Foreign Secretary told a Commons committee that a number of governments were unwilling at this stage to address some of the issues on which the Government was taking a firm line for that reason. His words marked the start of new offensive against Labour in which the Tories will suggest that pro-federalist states are waiting for Tony

Therapy session, page 13 | rained down. Stafford Crown



Lisa Potts, left, after the verdict, with Denise Bennett, the head teacher at St Luke's, where the attack took place

# Judge praises machete heroine

stabbed repeatedly as she shielded children from a machete-wielding man who ran amok during a Teddy Bears picnic was commended for her bravery by a judge

yesterday. Mr Justice Sedley said he would seek formal recognition for Lisa Potts's actions as Horrett Campbell, 33, a paranoid schizophrenic, was found guilty on seven counts of

attempted murder. Miss Potts, 2I, who suffered deep wounds to her back, chest and hands, a broken arm and severed tendons in her hands, had grabbed the children, hidden some in a school storeroom and some beneath her skirt as the blows

A NURSERY nurse who was Court heard that she had shown "astonishing courage" and completely disregarded her own safety to save the children's lives.

The judge told the jury: "You may be thinking that Lisa Potts deserves more formal recognition. I think so too. I shall be taking what steps I can to ensure that is considered.

Miss Potts, who is still receiving occupational therapy for her wounds, burst into tears as the verdicts were read and later said she was delighted justice had been done.

She said of the judge: "It was really nice of him to say that but for me it feels like on that day I hadn't really done anything out of bravery. I was in a position to run back for

the children and that's what I did. It was out of instinct really more than bravery.

"I'm just happy that justice has been done. I'm now quite excited by the thought of getting back to school and seeing the children. I may get over what he did to me in time but I can never forgive him for injuring those innocent children who had not done any-

thing to anybody.
"I'm looking forward to a rest over Christmas and then getting back to school, back to where I belong. The children are doing absolutely marvell-ously. You can't believe that children with such terrible scars on their faces would come out of it all so well."

Campbell, 33, whose mental

when a probation report recommended his mental health be examined, is facing life imprisonment. He launched his attack during the summer picnic on

until after his arrest despite a

previous court appearance

July 8 after becoming convinced that the children, aged three and four, from St Luke's Infants School, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, were devils Continued on page 2, col 5

### MPs fail to agree on action against Willetts

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

COMMONS disciplinary hearing to decide the political future of David Willetts broke up last night as MPs argued over his punishment.

A cross-party dispute broke out as MPs put the finishing touches to a report that Mr Willetts has conceded will determine whether he resigns as Paymaster General.

After more than 15 hours of secret deliberations, the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee was still unable to decide whether to recommend a severe sanction against Mr Willetts. He has said that he would resign if the committee recommended such a punishment but Tory members of the committee insist that he should receive no more than a mild rebuke.

The argument broke out as Tony Newton, the Leader of the Commons and the chairman, tried to prevent the committee taking the highly unusual step of publishing a majority and a minority

report.

Labour MPs were confident last night that Quentin Da-vies, a Tory MP on the committee who strongly criticised Mr Willetts at a public hearing, would side them. They want Mr Willetts to be censured for intervening in an earlier disciplinary inquiry into allegations sur-rounding Neil Hamilton, the former trade minister.

Mr Willetts, when a government Whip, wrote a memo describing a conversation he had had with Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, the chairman of the now-defunct Members' Interests Select Committee.

The Standards and Privileges Committes will meet again today to try to finalise its report. Senior Labour figures accused Tory members of the committee of trying to "sabotage" the inquiry.

AND THE PERSON

A PART LINE

### Tenth victim

Michael Forsyth, the Scottish addressing the Scottish Grand Committee Page 10

Reveral dozen British longy drivers have outwitted Greek farmers' roadblocks and driven over winding mountain roads to deliver their loads to Athens. The drivers had been stranded in the port of



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Secretary, defended the Government's handling of the food poisoning outbreak, as the bacterium claimed its tenth victim. Mr Fosyth was

### Strike breakers

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The Times on the Internet



# Peers back women's right to throne

By James Landale, political reporter

Boots faces £30,000 claim for lost photos

took some very important pictures. These

pictures were subsequently lost. An

expedition of the same kind would cost

around £4,500 each as Russian ice-

cutting boats and helicopters are not as

cheap to hire as they were."

Dr Matthews, a father-of-two from Rodley, Leeds, said: "I would like an

expedition of six people this time. I do not

want the money for myself but for

scientific research, and Boots would get a

"I need to get this sorted out as soon as possible as I have heart disease. I refused

lot of good publicity out of it.

LORD ARCHER won crossparty support in the House of Lords yesterday to press on with his plans to give women equal rights to succeed to the

Peers voted by 74 to 53 to approve his Humble Address to the Queen, a rare procedure which effectively asks for the monarch's permission to bring a Bill before Parliament. Humble addresses must be made on all Bills relating to

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A SCIENTIST demanded yesterday that Boots the Chemist should pay £30,000 for an expedition to the Arctic Circle so he

can re-take pictures lost by the high street

chain when he left them to be developed.

Dr Barry Matthews claims the 36 shots he took at Franz Joseph Land, 70 miles from the North Pole, are essential for his

research on climactic change. He is suing the company for the cost of leading a six-

man team back to the wastes of northern

At Leeds County Court, Dr Matthews,

Russia to retake the shots.

tion. But in extraordinary scenes, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, who acts as Speaker in the Lords, ordered a vote when some peers voiced their opposition to the move.

Lord Archer moved the address "praying that her majesty may be graciously pleased to allow that her undoubted prerogative and interest may not stand in the way of the consideration by constitutional matters and are Parliament during the present session of any measure pro- present, the daughter of the

viding for the removal of any distinction between the sexes in determining the succession to the crown".

But when Lord Mackay put the question to the House, several peers shouted "Not content" and Lord Mackay called a vote.

Lord Archer's proposed Bill would end the tradition of primogeniture under which the eldest child of a monarch always succeeds to throne unless that child is female. At

person. I was the first scientist to go there as it used to be a Russian nuclear base. I to do this while my health still allows."

monarch becomes heir only if she has no brothers or if her brothers and their descendants are dead.

Consequently, the Succession to the Throne Bill, if enacted, would raise the Princess Royal above the Duke of York in the line of succession to the throne. Its greatest impact would come in several decades' time should Prince William's first child be a girl. She eventually would become Queen even if she had a

Earlier, the geologist told the court that the pictures showed soils, vegetation, the

sea and an icebreaker. He had undertak-

en his first trip in an attempt to determine

whether a new Ice Age was on the way. The court heard that Boots's Albion

Street branch in Leeds had a problem developing the film and staff sent it to their specialist laboratories in Notting-

ham without Dr Maithews's consent.

However, it was lost in transit. Boots

initially denied responsibility, but later

admitted liability. The company was not

represented at the hearing, which was

### Inflation boost for Chancellor

A favourable set of inflation figures yesterday lengthened the odds on a base rate rise when the Chancellor meets the Governor of the Bank of

England tomorrow, Share prices also bounced back - following Friday's sharp falls - as central bank chiefs from Britain and Germany tried to soothe the fears of the markets. The FT-SE 100 index clawed back more than 48 points to close at



-It's about these promised us"

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59, who was representing himself, said: possible as I have heart disease. I refused "The expedition I led in 1993 cost £2,000 a a by-pass operation earlier this year and

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# Spinning into orbit with politicians who were born to run

celebrity astrologers in the latest She magazine, those born under Aries make the best politicians. Arians are "born leaders", "hon-est", "idealistic" and "champions of the underdog. They include Neil Kinnock and John Major.

I thought it might be worthwhile to check what other job suits Arians. "Aerobics teachers", says She. If Mr Major loses, then Lycra shorts and a skimpy singler beckon. The news for Tony Blair is

bad. None of the panel thinks his sign. Taurus. well-favoured for politics. They recommend interior decoration. It was with She in mind that

I took my seat at the Commons vesterday to watch the Deputy Prime Minister lacing Questions. Michael Heseltine's sign is also Aries — but only just. He is on the cusp with Pisces. Pisceans are terrible mapreaders" ("get lost and give confusing directions") but they shine at jobs in therapy ("sensitive and unshockable"). Mr Heseltine's present post

therapeutic as his political skills. Both were in evidence yesterday as he assured Labour doubters that all was for the best in this best possible of all Tory governments. The focus at this present juncture in history is on the Millennium Festival," he told MPs, the therapeutic Piscean getting the better of the honest Arian.

Beside him was Roger Freeman (Kettering, Gemini -"can and will say anything to anybody") who is the Civil Service Minister. Geminis are

That could explain why trials using large doses of beta-

carotene were disappointing.

☐ Multiple scierosis may be

caused by bacteria or viruses

hiding in the brain, the

Professor Hugh Perry of the

University of Oxford has suc-

cessfully reproduced the tissue

damage seen in MS patients by injecting killed bacteria

He expected that the im-

mune system would respond

by mobilising to destroy the

bacterial cells, but was sur-

prised when no such change

took place. Instead, he will tell

the meeting, the bacteria sim-

ply remained trapped in the brain for many months, with-

apply the same approach to all

Under the existing ap-

proach, the regulators look at

an industry and decide what

prices they think will be

reasonable and in doing so they work out what they think

will be reasonable profits," he

said. "They always get it

wrong and the companies

always make far more profits

pated." He said it would be better if the regulators worked

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industry yesterday, he con- out what would appear to be a the back door".

the privatised utilities.

meeting will be told.

into the brains of rats.



("change their minds too often: cannot stick to a policy") but it is a warning Mr Freeman took to heart many years ago. He has long ceased to involve himself in polities and sounds more like a civil servant than the civil servants he administers. Asked about the Bolton magistrates' bench yesterday,

warned off politics by She

work out why. If he had waited a few weeks he might have got at least one and probably two out of the following three a new magistrates' he declared: "In September 1 appointed 18 persons to the Bolton bench." Where other court, a knighthood, a good reason to resign the whip. He must never seek work as ministers appoint people, Mr a waiter. Astrologers confirm Freeman appoints persons...

what whips already know: His interrogator, Peter Thurnham (Lib Dem — well, "hate taking orders." sort of -- Bolton NE) was impatient for a new magistrates' court building. Mr Thurnham, a Leo, crossed the

Next in Roger Freeman's queue of petitioners was Labour's William O'Brien (Normanton) who was wor-

floor from the Tories two months ago but few could

ried about the disappearing cultural heritage of northern England. What could the minister do to boost Yorkshiremen's pride in their inheritance? I was very pleased to visit the rail-freight terminal in the Hon Gentleman's constituency recently,"

was Freeman's soothing reply. Lady Olga Maitland (C. Sutton & Cheam) brought him an inquiry so complex that even Freeman struggled. It concerned bureaucracy in the prosecution of juvenile crime. The chic Lady Olga persisted,

looking awfully intense. We recalled Sunday's Observer. A survey of MPs' partygoing habits noted that she once arrived at Langan's restaurant in a wheelbarrow, a spray of flowers between her teeth. She told reporters: "Everyone lets their hair down once in a while!" The day she arrives in the chamber in a wheelbarrow, with or without flowers. will be a happy one for Civil Service Questions.

As She notes of Geminis: "No one better for passing the time of day."

# Three carrots a day may help to keep cancer away

Labour plans profit curb on utilities

customers if they rise above firmed that Labour wanted to

BRITISH scientists have discovered why a diet rich in fruit and vegetables may prevent cancer. Dr David Hughes and colleagues at the Institute of Food Research at Norwich made the discovery when investigating the effects of betacarotene, a substance found in carrots, green vegetables and fruit. The findings are being presented today at the joint congress of the Biochemical Society and British Society for

Immunology in Harrogate. Healthy volunteers had beta-carotene added to their diet in amounts equivalent to eating three to four carrots a day. At the end of a month the scientists found increased levels of a key chemical involved in helping the immune system

For the killer cells of the immune system to be switched

BY JAMES LANDALE

POLITICAL REPORTER

BILLIONS of pounds could be

returned to privatised utility

customers under a Labour

plan to impose further curbs

on the companies profits.

British Telecom, British
Gas and the privatised water

and electricity companies are already facing Labour's one-off "windfall tax" if the party

iskes office. But under a new

plan announced yesterday, the

companies will also be forced

foreign cells. This depends on the cells being "presented" in the right way, a task carried out by white blood cells called monocytes, using molecules known as MHC II on their

The Norwich team found that in the volunteers, levels of MHC II increased significantly, making it more likely that cells that had turned cancerous would be dealt with.

Dr Sue Southon, one of the team carrying out the re-search, said: "We're not saying that this alone will prevent cancer, but it is the kind of response that contributes to a beneficial effect. It would certainly be our advice that it's worth eating a few carrots

She said that the levels of beta-carotene used in the tri-

Utility regulators would set

the profit levels, and if they went above this threshold,

companies would have to

share the extra cash with customers by reducing bills. Although the move will anger

the utilities. Labour hopes the scheme will be popular with

As Frank Dobson, the Shad-

published Labour's "annual

report" on the privatised water

Environment Secretary.

"normal" levels.

als, typical of a high-vegetable out doing any apparent diet, produced a beneficial effect, but that at higher levels the effect may be reversed.

When a second injection of the same bacteria was made into the rats' skin, however, white blood cells were mobilised and entered the brain and attacked the bacteria lurking there.

In the course of the attack they also damaged blood yessels and the insulating sheath around nerve fibres - the myelin sheath. This kind of damage is typical of that seen in multiple sclerosis.

Professor Perry therefore suggests that MS may be caused by a two-stage process: first a sub-clinical infection of the brain then a second infection to other parts of the body which stimulates the immune system into action. Brain cells may be damaged by a "bystander" effect.

"normal" profit. "Then, if the

its should be shared between

Labour's document said

customers and the company."

that the utilities would still have a profit incentive. Because the utility would retain a share of the excess

profits, there would still be an

incentive towards increasing

efficiency and funds would be

uty Prime Minister, described

the plan as "state control by

available for investment."



Campbell, 33, was found guilty of attempted murder

# Mother's death led to obsession

By CAROL MIDGLEY

Horrett .Campbell for two port invited me to adjourn his months for carrying a mai monins delore ne attacked children at a nursery school yesterday defended his decision not to order a psychiatric report.

As it was confirmed that Campbell, convicted yesterday of seven counts of attempted murder for the attack at St Luke's Infants School, was a paranoid schizophrenic who complained of hearing voices in his head, Ian Gillespie, a stipendiary magistrate, said in a statement released by the Lord Chancellor's Department that he had concluded that there was no reason to order such a report and that he was still satisfied that was the correct decision.

Campbell's condition deteriorated after his mother Rebekah's death four years ago and he became obsessed with mass murderers such as Thomas Hamilton and Martin Bryant. He would walk the streets of Wolverhampton talking to himself but neighbours regarded him merely as an eccentric loner. Yesterday Mr Gillespie

THE magistrate who iailed the pre-sentence probation recase and order a psychiatric report on the Campbell had set fire to his car and had heard voices whispering in his head for

some years."
He said he had been told that Campbell would not cooperate, but that alone would not have deterred him from ordering a report. However, Campbell's solicitor told him that he denied having heard voices, and he decided a report was not needed.

Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, insisted the courts should have ensured Campbell received psychiatric treat-ment before the attack. "In my experience the vast majority of mentally ill offenders are reluctant to accept help. It's the job of the psychiatric services to persuade them into treat-

ment," he said. The jury at the trial heard that Campbell, who has been diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic, believed that children at the school were verbally abusing him — shout-ing "nigger" and "celibate".



The machete used by Campbell in the school attack

# Judge praises nurse

Continued from page 1 conspiring to call him names. He had written the words "You filthy devils" and "666 Marks the Devil on the 23in machete blade with black marker pen. He wore a deer-stalker hat with two bolts attached on each side resembling the horns of a devil.

Campbell, who was obsessed with Thomas Hamilton, the Dunblane gunman who killed 16 children and their teacher, and Martin Bryant, who shot dead 35 people in Tasmania, jumped over a wall and pulled the machete from his sports bag as the children were clearing

away their toys. He walked towards the school and attacked Wendy Willington, a 29-year-old mother who was waiting out-

side with her youngest son. He then attacked two other mothers, Azra Rafiq and Surinder Chopra, He jumped into a play area outside the school's nursery and anacked three children, Ahmed Malek, 3, and Rhena Chopra and Francesca Quintyne, both 4. A.

witness described him running through the children waving the machete "as if cutting com". Miss Potts, who was run-

ning to and from the school building ushering children in-side, suffered by far the worst iniuries. After the attack Campbell

walked calmly from the scene and back to his home, which overlooks the school. When arrested and asked why he had stopped attacking. Camp-bell replied: "It was enough. I wanted to get even and hurt

A jury of six men and six women took less than three hours to find him guilty unanimously on all counts. Campbell stood impassively, as the judge ordered him to be detained at Ashworth highsecurity hospital in Liverpool. for 12 weeks under an interim hospital order. He told him: "Unless this is a case in which I am caused to send you to a mental hospital under the Mental Health Act I shall be certainly passing a sentence of life imprisonment on you."

### County's community care cash runs out

Oxfordshire County Council has became the first authority to give warning that its programme for care in the community is in jeopardy because it has run out of money. Care in the community was set up three years ago, with local authorities being paid to take over responsibility from central government for looking after the elderly and disabled. Oxfordshire says that it has already overspent £250,000 on community care for the financial year ending next April.

The council is in trouble because it is one of only two authorities to be capped by the Government last year. In consequence it is being forced to cut £22 million from its original budget, Of this, £5.7 million is being taken from the social services department, which runs community care.
The council's social services committee meets today to decide where to make reductions. Cuts being consideredinclude the closure of an old people's home, a reduction in day centre places, less out of hours emergency cover and scrapping three specialist teams earing for children.

### Albanian asylum plea

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is facing a High Court challenge that could pave the way for thousands of ethnic Albanians who fear "ethnic cleansing" to gain political asylum in Britain. Lawyers for asylum seekers from the Kosovo region of the former Yugoslavia say Mr Howard has been "unlawfully and irrationally" failing to concede claims for refugee status that must succeed after a erucial legal ruling. Mr Justice Latham gave leave for seven test cases to be heard as a matter of urgency.

### Refunds for low water

ers will be entitled, from next year, to a refund of £25 if they sustain low water pressure twice within a month. The changes were laid before Parliament yesterday. Robert Jones, an environment minister, said the cash-was part of statutory changes to regulations for compensation for poor service. But the Government was immediately criticised by Ofwat, the industry regulator, for failing to give enough priority to legal compensation for easterners who had to use standpipes in the event of a drought.

### Police act on corruption

Undercover police posing as criminals will be used to catch corrupt officers. Scotland Yard said yesterday. Other operations could include baiting traps for officers suspected of stealing property or cash. A telephone line is also being opened for officers and civilian staff to report suspicions about colleagues as part of a drive by the Yard to prevent corruption within the London force. Many of the common of internal officers. ideas come after an examination of internal affairs operations within the New York Police Department.

### Task force to run school

Education officials in Croydon, south London, moved in a task force to run a failing school yesterday. The local authority described the move as "a pre-emptive strike" to stop discipline disintegrating further into chaos at Ashburton High School, which failed an Ofsted examina-Ashburton High School, which lance an Olsica examina-tion last year and has been plagued by bullying. George Varnava, 6l. a past president of the National Association of Headteachers, was appointed to run the 900-pupil school. His five-strong team aims to rebuild parental confidence.

### Wife-killer is jailed

A successful businesswoman was stabbed to death by her "pathologically jealous" husband of 30 years after she left him for another man. John Wilson, 66, from Dartford, Kent, stabbed his wife Josephine at least 50 times in a frenzy at the offices of the London advertising company she had founded and ran. The Old Bailey court jailed him for six years after he admitted the manslanghter of Mrs Wilson. 49, who was the mother of his three children.

### Parents' court victory

A couple won their fight for justice when a drink-driver was sentenced to four years in a young offenders' institution by Bradford Crown Court. Malcolm and Margaret Debenham, from Mixendeu, west Yorkshire, took out a private prosecution alleging that Martin Chippendale, 20, from Queensbury, west Yorkshire, caused their son Daniel's death by careless driving while unfit through drink, which carries a ten-year maximum sentence.

### Inspector's speed claim

A police officer caught speeding in his chief constable's new car tried to claim exemption from prosecution by saying he was on an official police road test, Cardiff Crown Court was told. Chief Inspector Doug Warren, head of Gwent traffic division, was recorded driving the Vanchall Omega at 92mph on the M6 as he returned from a police conference. Mr Warren denies attempting to pervert the course of justice. The trial continues.

### Call for seal slaughter

A mass slaughter of 15,000 grey scals is being sought by the Western Isles Fishermen's Association, who say fish stocks are being plundered. The Orkney-based Scal Preservation Action Group said that, out of the being plundered and that they were being grey seals were well out at sea and that they were being made the scapegoats of industry dissatisfaction with the common fisheries policy. Greenpeace is to announce its view later in the week.

### Prize rugby dispute

The former England rugby fly-half Rob Andrew is expected to be called in a court dispute between his Newcastle club and the manager of a visiting Welsh team. The Welsh squad was disqualified after beating the home side in the semi-final of a sevens tournament. David Oatway, who organised the Welsh side, is soing the organisers for his share of the £12,500 prize money that he says players should have been awarded.





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# Princess goes the full distance to help charities

By Quentin Letts in new york and Emma Wilkins in London

MARYLEBONE leprosy a.m., north American social calendar, where her well-publicised That was yesterday's engagements diary on a busy, trans-Atlantic sort of Monday for Diana. Princess of Wales.

The Princess, with a trim new hairstyle, used Concorde new hairstyle, used Concorde to fulfil her commitments on one of the busiest days in her one wife since her discovering the control of the busiest days in her princess set off her trim by new life since her divorce from the Prince of Wales in August. Since then, she has undertak-en just five engagements for a handful of her six remaining charities.

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This time, she had a 10.55am speaking engagement and an Span dinner and ball separated by 3,000 miles. a five-hour time difference and a

matter of style. The morning involved a speech on the importance of reaching out and muching leprosy sufferers. The evening was at the Costume Institute hall at the Metropolitan Museum in New York, the spiash-

north American social calenattendance resulted in record ticket sales and attracted a swarm of Manhattan males keen to spin her on the dancefloor.

long-time hairdresser Sam McKnight with a pair of hooped gold earrings, burnt orange jacket and black skirt. Although the style was much discussed by the small crowd outside the conference, it was nothing more spectacular than one of her regular six-

weekly trims.
At the central London conference of more than a hundred charity workers, she emphasised that leprosy is not an Old Testament disease but a current problem. Seven years ago, in Indonesia, she attracted worldwide attention when she touched sufferers during a tour of a hospital. "It has

> hotel to the Metropolitan Museum, where it was close to lam London time (Spm local time) when the Princess made her entrance as guest of honour. "It was a very busy day indeed for the Princess but she was determined to fulfill both commitments," a spokeswom-

always been my concern to

touch people with leprosy trying to show in a simple

action that they are not reviled

nor are we repulsed," the Princess said. "It is not a

conditon that only exists in the

Old Testament of the Holy

thing of the past but a very

serious issue in the present."

The Princess had already

agreed to address the confer-

ence of 14 leprosy charities

when she was invited to the

American ball by her friend Liz Tilberis, editor of Harper's

Bazaar and co-chairman of

the society dance. She is

fighting ovarian cancer and

the Princess was determined

to fly to New York to support

The magazine paid for her travel and hotel costs, which

included catching the 7pm

Concorde from London, a

helicopter transfer from New

York's Kennedy airport to

Manhattan, and a limousine

from the British-run Carlyle

The \$1,000-a-ticket gala which is, effectively, the international fashion world's Christmas party. Founded in the early Seventies, it raises funds for a fashion collection at the Metropolitan Museum.

The throng ranged from Hollywood actors to billionaire bankers, moneyed matrons of Manhattan's Upper East side, several of the world's supermodels and an array of fashion designers. The Princess was expected

to be introduced to a crowd that included Edgar Broni-man, Christy Turlington and tie's had estimated. Bianca Jagger. Odds were being taken on the recentlymarried John Kennedy Jnr



Yoshihiro Sekiguchi with his latest purchase and future travelling companion

### **Teddy Edward goes east**

TEDDY EDWARD, the bear Yoshihiro Sekiguchi, SO, who that won television fame travowns a toy company and elling the world, today em-barked for Japan after being sold for £34,500 at auction. The stuffed bear, which inspired a series of books and appeared on BBC TV's Watch With Mother, fetched more than six times the amount auctioneers Chris-

A Japanese collector, who already owns the world's most expensive teddy, bought the bear after fierce bidding owns a toy company and teddy bear museum in Japan, said he was inspired by Teddy Edward's travels. He said: "I'm very interested in hind them and this one made the longest travels ever. I just wanted to join Teddy Edward on his travels." The collector plans to travel the world with

a selection of his bears so more people can enjoy them. The Teridy Edward story began in the early 1960s when

ing photos of his daughter's toy animals to sell as nursery pictures. The pictures of his daughter Sarah's Chiltern bear came out so well that his wife Mollie wrote a book to accompany them.

The bear was sold with his friends Snowy Toes, Bushy the bush baby and Jasmine the Rabbit. Hundreds of original photographs, the original BBC transmission films for Watch with Mother and a complete set of Teddy Edward books were

# Surgeon is struck off over cancer op blunder

By A STAFF REPORTER

A SURGEON who removed the healthy part of a stomach and intestines of a cancer patient was ordered to be struck off the medical register by the General Medical Coun-cil yesterday.

James Gough made the

mistake during a routine procedure on the colon of Robert Hodgin, 75, at Bolton General Hospital in July last year. The patient died later that month. Announcing the decision, Sir Herbert Duthie, the professional conduct committee chairman, said that by his gross error" the doctor had fallen seriously short of the

standard of expertise required

from a surgeon. In view of the fact that he represented "a grave danger to patients", the committee had decided not to refer his case to the council's health committee but to order his erasure from the register. The public was entitled to expect doctors to show professional competence and surgeons were expected to know the limits of that competence and to seek assistance from colleagues when necessary, Sir Herbert said.

The committee heard how the operation was performed just two weeks after Mr Gough started work at the hospital, which is now called the Royal Bolton Hospital, under the supervision of a consultant, John Hobbiss. The patient had been admitted in the summer as an emergency with a distended abdomen and bowel problems.

Mr Gough had then concluded the patient needed an operation on his colon. Mr Hobbiss agreed to the procedure and then went to carry out his own work at another theatre just 20 yards away. Later that month Mr Hobbiss and Mr Gough attended a routine meeting with patholo-gists, where case studies were

The operation was discussed and investigations re-

Drug spy video switched off

vealed that part of the patient's stomach and duodenum appeared to have been removed. Mr Gough had insisted throughout he had performed a procedure to "resect" the transverse colon and had also assured his boss he had done the correct procedure because

he had discovered a tumour. "My first reaction was that if he really had found a tumour, I was pleased he had discovered it," Mr Hobbiss said. "On the other hand, I was very irritated that when the situation had changed, he had not asked for my advice although I was only 20 yards

Mr Hobbiss was "astonished" when he discovered what Mr Gough had done. After performing a laparotomy on Mr Hodgin, he discovered that the colon was "completely intact" but part of the stomach and intestines had been removed.

"I find it very difficult to understand that someone in a correct frame of mind could make this kind of fundamental error," he added.

Mr Gough admitted failing to ask for advice and assistance from Mr Hobbiss or another experienced surgeon, when it was required. An emotional Mr Gough, 38, told the hearing at the GMC's London headquarters, that his behaviour, with hindsight, had been "irresponsible and

unforgivable". He should have sought advice from Mr Hobbiss and had made a technical error which had ruined his career as a surgeon. During previous procedures at Rochdale, Burnley and Manchester he had been criticised for asking for too much advice from his superiors and this had probably contributed to his failure to consult Mr Hobbiss "With hindsight, in not

seeking his attendance and advice before doing a section. I was irresponsible," he said.

# Policewoman wins £19,000 for racial insults

BY DANIEL MCGRORY

In trim for a marathon day: the Princess in Lordon-

A BLACK woman detective who was racially insulted by a policeman from another force won £19,000 in damages at an industrial tribunal yesterday. Detective Constable Wendy Richard-

son, of Thames Valley Police, said she felt "humiliated and traumatised" after a detective from the West Midlands force referred to her as a "nigger" and a "coon" while they were attending a national CID training course last year.

that it regretted what happened but added that the accused officer, Detecbeen suspended. A spokesman said: We take a strong stance against any form of discrimination. Such behaviour will not be tolerated." He added that senior officers wanted to see the. written judgment of the tribunal, held in Reading, before deciding on any

disciplinary action.

West Midlands Police said last night low, yesterday criticised the "dilatory" way that West Midlands had dealt with Constable Richardson's comthat West Midlands had dealt tive Constable Shane Evans, had not plaint and berated senior officers for not being open-minded in their investi-gation. The tribunal was told that Constable Evans, 36, who is based at West Bromwich, racially insulted black male colleagues but was never disciplined, only sent on an Equal Opportunities course. Constable Richardson, who has been

The tribunal chairman, John Hol- in the police for 15 years, wept as the

awarded her damages for injury to her feelings and her health. Thames Valley Police supported her complaint.

WPC Barbara Welch, of the Thames Valley Police Federation, said after the ruling: "DC Richardson is absolutely delighted it is all over. She can now do her best to get back to her life knowing that she has been justified." She hoped the result would send a message to other police officers that they could bring a complaint and succeed.

### A SPY plane surveillance ex-American, who deny attemppert switched off a high-tech video camera at the moment

when two vessels in the North Sea were suspected of transferring an illegal cargo, a court was told yesterday. Mervyn Green, a former

naval air surveillance officer now employed by a private firm under contract to the Government, was giving evi-dence at the trial of five Brit-

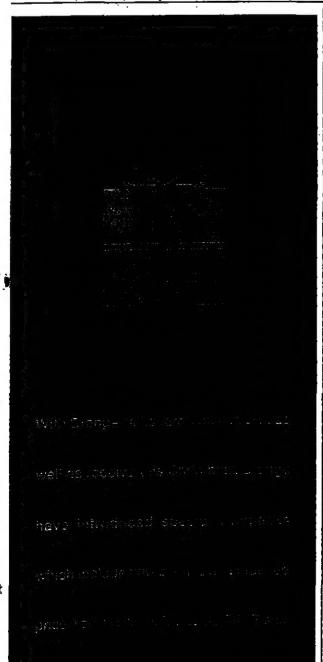
ting to smuggle cannabis into Britain on July 29 this year. Mr Green told the High might be happening".

Court in Dunfermline that Mr Green replied: "My over several days two spy planes tracked the progress of a lifeboat and a ketch along

the north coast of Scotland. Donald Findlay, QC, for one of the accused, asked Green why, after the huge cost

ons, three Dutchmen and one of the surveillance, he had shut off the high-tech equipment at the vital moment when something illegal

> instructions were on no account was I to 'spook' the vessels." Had he come closer to film the vessels they would have known immediately they were being watched. The trial continues.



### Boy in car attacks too young to charge

BY PAUL WILKINSON

concrete breezeblocks from a bridge on to two cars carrying pregnant women but he cannot be prosecuted because of his age.

The women escaped with minor injuries and shock but police on Merseyside said it was a miracle that no one was killed.

Police are powerless to prosten, the age of criminal responsibility in England. Neither can they administer a caution: in which a senior police officer formally warns the boy about his behaviour. The caution is given in the presence of parents and goes on a criminal record.

Police are to talk to the youngster and his parents about his activities. Further action could be taken through the childcare system if the authorities believe he is in need of care and control.

Police sources said last night that though they wanted to talk to two other boys bility.

A BOY aged eight has admit-ted to police that he dropped dents, they considered the dents, they considered the behaviour was by kids larking around" rather than a gang causing mayhem.

Three cars including two containing pregnant women were hit by objects thrown from a bridge over a main approach road to the Mersey tunnel in Birkenhead.

Sharon Dunn, 24, was showered with glass and needecute because the boy is under ed treatment in hospital for cuts after a breezeblock shattered the window's of her boyfriends's car last Wednesday. An hour later a woman from Chester, who is six months pregnant, escaped with shock when a stone smashed the windscreen of

her car on the A41. Police interviewed a boy from Bromborough, who also admitted involvement in a third attack.

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, who was touring Merseyside yesterday. said Labour would change the laws on criminal responsi-

### Public school pupil 'stabbed teenager'

By PAUL WILKINSON

A PUBLIC schoolboy killed a side Crown Court was told. teenager with a single stab wound to the heart after a confrontation between his classmates and town youths, a court was told yesterday.

The 16-year-old from Bar-nard Castle School then waved the knife towards the companions of his victim and said: "Do you want some of this?" He ran off to a friend's home, where he washed the blade and went to bed, Tees-



Gamble died of single

The youth, who cannot be named for legal reasons, denied murdering lan Gamble, 16, from Startforth, Durham. The court heard that he was "hyped up" after drinking strong cider and cans of lager with three friends in February this year. During the evening he col-

lected a lock knife with a 4in blade at a friend's home, telling his companions he was taking it with him as "insurance". Paul Worsley, prosecuting, said the defendant, a day boy, and his friends had left a disco at the school about 10pm. They walked into Barnard Castle, where they were confronted and then chased by five other youths, one of whom was Mr Gamble.

The defendant was eventually caught and there was a struggle before Mr Gamble was stabbed. The defendant claimed in police interviews that he was punched and kicked in the body and head before he pulled the knife. The trial continues.

# Businessmen fell for magic banknotes

BY DANIEL MCGRORY

BUSINESSMEN were defrauded of thousands of pounds by conmen after believing that they could turn pieces of black paper into banknotes, it was claimed yesterday. The businessmen were shown how a strip of paper was pressed between genuine £20 and £50 notes and dipped in what they were told was a secret solution. Ten minutes later, when the notes were removed from the liquid, the victims were shown what appeared to be a new banknote. Dean Armstrong, for the prosecution,

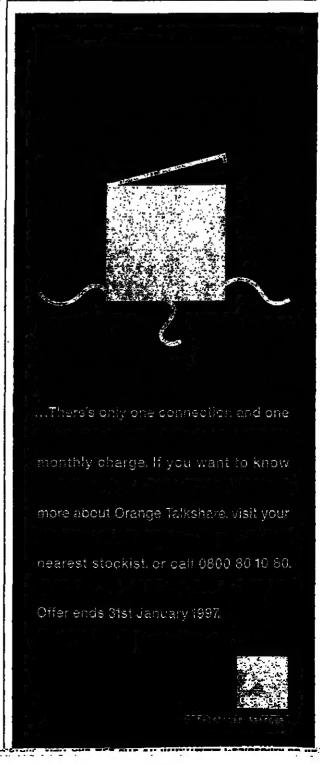
businessmen were allowed to take the "samples" and spend them to make sure they were genuine. They would return with as much as eash they could muster on the promise of "doubling their money". "What they did not realise was that the so-called new money was an old note dyed black by a chemical such as jodine and then washed clean in another liquid," Mr Armstrong said. "One of the victims was told that if he could give them El million, they could make it into

The owner of a London recording

told Southwark Crown Court that the studio and the head of a West End dothing business each handed over £18,000 after meeting the ringleader of the Nigerian gang. The two businessmen were told to return to an hotel in London later in the day to pick up the eash, but found the room empty and their money gone.

Claude Ishmael, 4l, of no fixed

address, Lazare Dingambe and Guy Yomi-Nkemtchon, both 28, of Canning Town, east London, deny conspiracy to defrand between December 1995 and uly this year.
The trial continues.



**Villagers** 

camp out

in fight

against

wind farm

By MICHAEL PRESTAGE A BAND of pensioners and churchyard in freezing temperatures last night in a battle

against plans for a wind

turbine overlooking their vil-

The group, from Nymps-field, Gloucestershire, have

mounted a round-the-clock vigil for six days. Sitting on folding chairs behind beach windbreaks and relying on a

blazing brazier for warnth,

they have mobile phones to call in reinforcements if engi-neers from Midlands Electric-

ity arrive to connect the site to the National Grid.

The majority of the village, population 300, is opposed to

the 218 ft turbine being sited

on farmland above the village,

designated a conservation area in an Area of Outstand-ing Natural Beauty. They fear

it might set a precedent that could see the Cotswolds spoilt

The protesters have seen off

attempts by security guards hired by the electricity com-

pany to move them from St

Joseph's Church, where they

are picketing a substation to

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lage in the Cotswolds.

# Work-based learning plan scaled down by Shephard

MINISTERS have scaled down ambitious plans to coax bored teenagers back into education by offering all 14year-olds the chance of a day a week out of school, it emerged A White Paper on the 14-19 age group left open the possi-bility of work-based lessons

and offered support for a variety of local schemes. But the Government has decided against introducing a national programme. Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said her plans, which

would include an entitlement to free education or training at any time up to the age of 21, amounted to a "lifeline" for disaffected youngsters. They would be offered a fresh start to improve their skills. Mrs Shephard, who cham-

pioned out-of-school education as an option for all teenagers early this year, said the school curriculum should become more work-related. The apparent decision to scale down her original scheme came after consultation with employers and education bodies. The White Paper, Learning

to Compete, emphasises that disaffected teenagers and others could still be offered out-ofschool education to complement the National Curriculum. Government advisers are to examine modifications to the curriculum to "support under-achieving or

below the level of GCSE Before the age of 16, teenagers will receive a smart card entitling them to improved careers advice and subsequent education or training. The "learning credit" will be valid to the age of 21. Mrs Shephard insisted that the credits, which will be redeemable only for state-funded programmes, did not amount to a step towards funding education by vouchers, as right-wing Conserva-tives would like. But the new system will require "convergence" of costs, raising the spectre of cuts in the level of

funding for school sixth forms. Mrs Shephard said: "For the first time ever, this White Paper bridges education and training in school and beyond. It aims to help young people to playment by providing the information and guidance they need." The measures were intended to revive the stayingon rate in full-time education, which rose steadily to 72.6 per cent of 16-year-olds in 1993, but fell to 71.4 per cent in 1994 and 70.7 per cent in 1995.

Labour said the Government was "stealing its clothes" because the Government's own policies had failed. Labour proposed better opportunities for work experience and work-based courses at college.

The National Association of Head Teachers said that students would suffer if learning credits were used as vouchers.



Under instruction: Jenny Shaw, 14, and Colin Shakh, 16, spend Friday afternoons learning engineering at People's College in Nottingham

# Lessons in practical skills cut truancy

By DAVID CHARTER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

COLIN SHAKH planned to be a painter and decorator before his school gave him the chance to go to college at 14. Two years later he is prepar-ing to take A levels so that he can become an engineer.

Colin's school, Glaisdale comprehensive in Bilborough, Nottingham, attracted headlines earlier this year when 20 teachers threatened to strike over Richard WildThey claimed he was too disruptive to teach but withdrew the threat in April after the local authority arranged

Glaisdale serves two large council estates in an area of 30 per cent unemployment, where only a third of school leavers go on to further educa-tion or training. However, the school has noticed a change in attitude among pupils of all abilities since introducing job-related training for 14 and 15-year-olds three years ago. Instead of general studies,

at one of three local colleges learning job-related skills in areas as diverse as hairdresstechnology. Truancy has fallen and the number going on a training course at 16 has risen

by 20 per cent. Colin, who trained in engineering at People's College in Nottingham while studying for his GCSEs at Glaisdale, said: "I think it is a brilliant opportunity. A lot of people I know don't like school but opportunity. A lot of people 1 in danger of becoming disaf-know don't like school but they love college. They prefer Government's chief curricu-

practical and has a different atmosphere." Jenny Shaw, 14, qualifications. also opted for engineering. "It was different because not

many girls choose things like that," she said. Glaisdale was highlighted by Labour as a model industry partnership scheme in its policy document Aiming Higher, particularly because it helped to motivate teenage boys at the age they are most

He found that 40,000 young people — one in 12 — do not achieve any GCSEs at any grade, with one in eight failing to gain a grade at English or mathematics. He recommended a two-pronged below the level of GCSE grade G, and giving teenagers the chance to follow National Vocational Qualifications

this tendency in his review of

which the turbine must be connected. Midlands Electricity says it has a legal obliga-tion to connect the wind farm. The aldest person in the congregation at a carol service in the churchyard last night was former wartime air-gunner George Wilcox, 80, and the youngest was April Crossland, 8 months. Bernard Freeman, 70, said: "This is a beautiful village where I have lived all my life. I have seen these wind farms in Cornwall and they stand out like sore thumbs."

The turbine is expected to be erected this week by Ener-Con, a German company.

The National Trust is challenging the decision by an inspector from the Department of the Environment to allow the development without a public inquiry. The Countryside Commission has

also voiced concerns. Dale Vince, owner of the land and managing director of Western Windpower, said: minority trying to impose

# Teacher defends warning to eight-year-olds over sex attacks

A TEACHER said in the High Court yesterday that he had been unfairly accused of serious professional misconduct after he told a class of eight-year-olds that talking to strangers could lead to their being indecently assaulted.

have upset some parents for remarks he made during the lesson

at Churchfield Junior School, South Woodford, two years ago. He is suing the London Borough of Redbridge for damages, including £15,800 in lost earnings, and a declaration that the written warning he received was in breach of his contract of employment.

The High Court was told that driving the lesson Wil Raxiet riseo highly inappropriate language and had fallen far short of the standards

expected when discussing a subject which demanded great sensitivity.

Donald Broatch, for Mr Baxter. said the incident occurred after the teacher had been told by a pupil of a bicycle being stolen from a boy who had been approached by a

"He used this as an example to caution them of the dat speaking to strangers and referred to indecent assault as something that could happen." Six parents, he said, had complained of the lesson but only four children had been interviewed and two of those had referred to words the teacher apparently used when warning pupils that strangers could touch their

Mr Broatch said that the headlieved the teacher when he denied acting improperly and had convict-

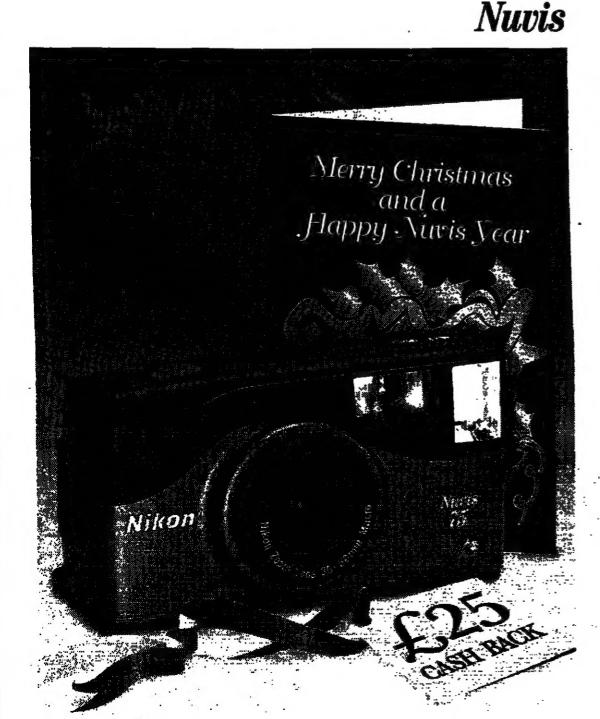
ed him without giving him the opportunity properly to defend himself. The lawyer added that Mr Baxter had been warned of serious. misconduct by the headmaster, whose action had been backed by a disciplinary hearing of the school governors. Mr Baxter, a teacher for years, has not worked since the micident because, he say

tal health had suffered. Mr-Baxter told the court that the

him with an opportunity to raise the question of sexual abuse. "It was a brief five minutes or so. I emphasised the dangers to the children and told them to go home and tell their parents. I do not believe I did anything wrong," He said that he wished to return

story of the bicycle had presented

to work but that the trust between him and the head had been destroyed. The case continues.



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### Care Bill, which is expected to become law next year. Under the Bill, commercial firms can apply to set up and

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Britain's biggest pharmacies is considering teaming up with NHS trusts or GP practices to run family doctor services. Unichem wants to take advantage of the new freedoms introduced under

Laureates

back animal

research

By Nigel Hawkes

SCIENCE EDITOR

run GP services but only if they have the backing of an NHS trust or family doctor. Unichem wants to set up onestop health shops combining

the Government's Primary GP services, minor surgery, chiropody and pharmacy.
The company has 450 chem-

Pharmacy group may run GP service

ists shops around the country and is bidding for the Lloyds Chemists chain. Unichem already has a dozen outlets in GP practices. Under the Bill, however, it could run the medical services, hire GPs charge

rent for the use of premises, in partnership with an NHS trust or GP practice.

The Government has set aside £6 million next year to fund pilot trials of new schemes. Boots said it had no plans to open GP surgeries.

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# **Nurse loses**

NOBEL prizewinners in medicine have resoundingly supported the need to continue using animals in research.

In a poll of the 71 winners of the prize for physiology and medicine still alive, none of the 39 who responded dissented from the proposition that "animal experiments have been vital to the discovery and development of many advances in physiology and

The poll was carried out by Seriously III for Medical Research, a charity that encourages research into serious medical conditions. All but one laureate agreed strongly that "a total and immediate ban on animal experiments would hamper much medical

Dr Peter Doherty, one of this year's winners, said: There is no alternative to the use of animals for analysing the complexity of immunity."

### CORRECTIONS.

☐ Keswick School, Cumbria. is a state boarding school, not an independent school, as reported on November 23, and the fees for boarders are £3,990 a year, not £12,000. The headmaster is Mr M. Chap-man. We apologise for the

☐ Group 4 provided security at the Labour conference last year and this (report, October 2) but was not responsible for accreditation. An incident with a pepper spray arose from a proper search procedure, not ineptitude by the company.

# appeal over dismissal

A nurse sacked by Harrow School for slapping a col-league's face lost her claim of unfair dismissal. Marilya Edey, 51, allegedly hit a senior nurse in a row over pupil blood-tests. Mrs Edey told a London tribunal that the school had a vendetta against her and that the blow was accidental as she reached for a diary. Hugh Purse, the tribunal chairman, said that was not credible.

### Mummy sale The mummified head of a

red-haired Inca girl was sold for £2,200 at Bonham's in London. Radiographic evidence showed she was 15 when she was chosen as a sacrifice to mountain gods in the Andes 1,500 years ago. The head was sold by an unnamed British university.

### Blobbyland split

The television presenter Noel Edmonds is closing his Crinkley Bottom theme park after three years amid acriners. The site at Cricket St Thomas wildlife park near Chard, Somerset, will still feature Mr Blobby, which is licensed from the BBC.

### Sweet freedom

Three prisoners in the cells at Chorley Police Station, Lancashire, were forced to leave the building for 20 minutes along with 25 officers and staff when smoke detectors were activated by a woman police constable spraying on Estée Lander's perfame



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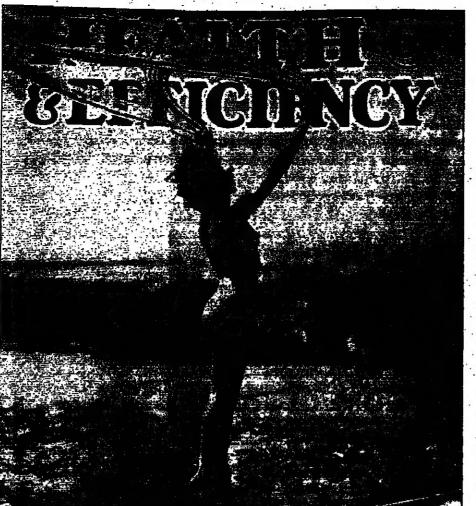
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Helping to lift the mysteries of the human form: a cover from September 1934

# Nudity pioneer runs into trouble with its figures

FINANCIAL crisis has struck another of Britain's historic treasures. Receivers are seeking a buyer and benefactor to save Health & Efficiency for the nation.

The nudist magazine introduced generations of curious schoolboys to artistic images of flesh laid bare, in the faraway age before Page Three models and television love scenes helped to make Founded at the turn of the century, it still sells \$5,000 copies a month but its proprietor, Peenkill Ltd, has been in financial difficulties. The result is that a stock of

naked flesh has landed in the charge of the administrative receivers Pannell Kerr Forster. In their corporate recovery department, Lindsey Moore said yesterday: "Health & Efficiency is still on the shelves and the normal December issue will be distributed within the next few days. We are intending to sell Peenhill as a going concern and we have had a lot of interest. We are very bopeful



A Southampton reader featured in a "natural" pose

zine was originally launched to popularise the naturism nent and to deal with health education issues. For many years it was the only magazine — apart from National Geographic - which published nude photographs. In the 1950s its modest cover price helped it to remain a popular buy with schoolboys, despite the slow emergence of spicier compet itors. It now sells at £2.25.

There has been consternation among genuine British naturists, perturbed by at-tempts to increase its appeal more nubile women. The Central Council for British Naturism has its own official iournal. British Naturism. Peenhill has a staff of four. Its director, Reginald Taylor 78, took over Health & Efficiency in the late 1960s and blames the recent paedophile

Peenbill also publishes the smaller circulation German Jung und Frei, and the French Jennes et Naturels from abroad, as they include

scandal in Belgium for giv

ing family naturism a bad

which would be illegal in "After the paedophile business in Belgium, the Midland Bank refused to renew our overdraft facility," Mr Taylor said. "It is very sad. All the magazines publish perfectly harmles pictures of healthy family nudism, designed to demystify the human body." The offices of Peenhill

were raided earlier this year by police who seized copies of magazines, some of which were alleged to include pho-tographs of naked children under five years of age. Such pictures were staple fare in HôE's earlier, innocent days. An edition of 1934, priced at 6d (2 p), has a tiptoe beach belle waving a veil on the cover, and on an inside page quartet of blonde tots bottoms to camera. The following page has a picture called "Among the French Naturists" which shows a mixed group of four, all

tumes. The magazine offered

a prize of a guinea (£1.05) for the best "artistic study of the

nude figure, male or female,





Two early models from

# Royal Opera to have summer stay at the Met

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

THE Royal Opera is to be given refuge at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York when building work at Covent Garden renders the company homeless next summer. This will be the first time that the Toyal Opera, which rarely tours abroad because of the huge expense, will have visited the 4,000-seat clindel of American high culture.

The company, which with the Barbican, the Savoy Thethe Royal Ballet has been are and the Shaftesbury Thesearching desperately for tem- aire would entail drastically porary accommodation, will begin its three-year exile with derstood that the stay in Ama run at the Met when the crica saight be followed by a house closes in July for a £200 million redevelopment.

It is believed that the company's nine-year-old production of Wagner's Lohengrin, which returns to London in the spring with Dame Gwyneth lones, will be chosen to mark the Royal Opera's debut in Manhanan, at the invitation of the Lincoln Centre Festival.
The Wagner will be complemented by Hans Pfitzner's 1917 epic Palestrina, which will receive its first professional staging at Covent Garden next month. It runs to four and

n GP service

The cost of taking an orches-tra and chorus abroad to stage such monumental works is likely to be in excess of £500,000 a week but much of the cost of this venture will be

met by American backers. The last time the Royal Opera, which had its fiftieth anniversary this year, went abroad was to Japan in 1992. In 1984 Placido Domingo and Dame Gwyneth led the company at a festival in Los Angeles coinciding with the Olympics. Neither the Royal Opera nor the Met would comment on the venture last

expected soon in New York. The company's plans for the reconstruction of its Covent Garden home are still uncertain. It is hoping that it will be able to build a temporary theatre, to be shared with the Royal Ballet, on the South Bank by Tower Bridge. How-ever, that would not be ready until 1998. Planned stays at reduced productions. It is unvisit to the Edinbur val. The redeveloped Royal Opera House is scheduled to re open as part of the millenni

eth's previous Wagnerian tri-umphs in the Big Apple, the Met has some experience of the British way of doing things Sir Rudolf Bing, first artistic director of the Edinmanager there from 1950-72. Swan Lake with more than 120

dancers will be held at the Albert Hall next spring.

The English National Ballet production, playing to more than 50,000 people, is hiring fire eaters, jugglers, acrobats. and at least 70 swans. The 12popular market but ballet fans will have few home produced principals to cheer on. The ballet will be performed in the

round without sets. Swan Lake's six leading lights, led by Altynai Asylmuratova, prima ballerina of the Kirov, were all born and trained abroad.

night but an announcement is . The Garden recalled, page 35

# someth Think bigger.

# Order puts Gielgud in select company

THE Queen has honoured Sir John Gielgud, Britain's greatest and most enduring theatrical knight, with the order of Merit, one of the

Sir John, 92 and still open o offers of work provided joins a select band limited to 24 holders at any one time. He fills the vacancy created by the death of Sir Frank Whittle, pioneer of the jet engine. Sir John said at his Buckinghamshire home yes-



surprised and very much the Order of the Garter and its Scottish equivalent, the preserve of the old aristocracy, foreign royalty and re-

tired prime ministers. It brings Sir John no money, rank or tifle, only a personal investiture at Buckingham Palace at a date to be announced, and a badge on a

appropriate functions. Teresa. The theatrical pres ence in the order is slender Laurence Olivier.

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# **HOME NEWS**

### Vicar who left wife for curate to carry on

By A STAFF REPORTER

A VICAR who upset parishioners by marrying his curate four months after divorcing his wife of 21 years is being allowed by his bishop to continue preaching and carrying out his pastoral duties.

The Rt Rev Michael Scott-Joynt, the Bishop of Winchester, acknowledged yesterday that the affair had caused "alienation, bitterness and hurt" but rejected pressure to convene a provincial tribunal with powers to sack the Rev Royston Such. Mr Such, 49, split the four-village parish centred on Ropley. Hampshire, in July when he di-vorced his wife, Elizabeth, by whom he has five children aged 8 to 22, and married Deacon Tana Riviere, 54. Her licence was revoked by the Church.

Some parishioners boycotted the church and one church lost its choir as a result but the bishop said that embarking on the legal process of ousting the vicar would lead to more bad feeling. "A legal inquiry which by its very nature is adversari-al would be immensely destructive for all the parties involved. It would be costly and divisive and would only serve to exacerbate the tensions.

The bishop said he favoured a "pastoral solution". He said: "It is in the best interests of the Church and the parish to seek to work with Mr Such and his parishioners to discover fresh ways to go forward."



Elizabeth Hurley in the US television mini-series Samson and Delilah: the role may be seen as one of the great, if unintended, comic creations of film

# Hurley stars in a flop of biblical proportions

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN critics have heaped abuse on the latest acting effort of Elizabeth Hurley, who only last week praised the US media for its fairness. Her portrayal of Delilah in an American television miniseries has been described as exeru-

ciating.

Miss Hurley was not much helped in the Book of Judges pothoiler. Her costume's headgear evoked Bernard Bresslaw's in Carry On up the Khyber and her accent

was less 11th-century BC Holy Land than late AD 20th-century Old Kent Road. In time, the role may be seen as one of the great, if unintended, comic creations of film. The Bible: Samson and Delilah will be shown in Britain on Sky I, starting a week

Miss Hurley has spent most of the year working as a well-paid "face of the Nineties" for a cosmetics firm, so it was odd to see her thumping around a gaudy set as a Philistine courtier. But although USA Today recognised her only as "an anaemic Jacqueline Bisset", the faults argu-

ably lay with the production. Miss Hurley's co-stars, Dame Diana and Michael Gambon trudged in and out of the action as if they were there simply out of embarrassed curiosity to see how Cecil B. de Mille's 1949 epic could be rehashed. Cameras shook, the dialogue moved like glue. The late Mr de Mille's film was suddenly

made to look rather arty. Aside such nonsense, Miss Hurley and other British stars have en on a roll in the United States around on Old Testament

filmsets, has scored a major success on Broadway with David Hare's Skylight and his British co-star Lia Williams suddenly has a bright future in American drama.

Elaine Paige has astonished crowds with her lead role in Sunset Boulevard and the recent run of the Royal Shakespeare Company's A Midsummer Night's Dream was regarded as one of the best shows to visit New York for many a moon.

The British revival is touching all markets. Tom Jones will make his silver screen debut in the forthcoming mass-market movie Mars Attackel He plays himself and is attacked by Martians when he starts to sing. Kristin Scott-Thomas is being discussed as a possible Oscarwinner for her role in The English

Kenneth Branagh's long-awaited Hamlet opens soon, to the glee of cinema managers. The film is 412 hours long - it will be the secondlongest picture shown in America and will have an intermission. In cinema-manager talk, this trans-lates as "double popcorn reccipts".

Theatre and ballet, page 35

### Police fail to find road rage witnesses

By LIN JENKINS

POLICE investigating the murder of Lee Harvey have stopped hundreds of motorists along the route of the car chase described by his girl-friend but have failed to find

any witnesses. More than 120 of the 650 drivers questioned by police at eight roadblocks on Sunday night had been along the same roads the previous weekend when Mr Harvey was killed. None recailed seeing his white Ford Escort RS2000 Turbo in a chase with a Ford Sierra.

Yesterday Tracie Andrews, 27. Mr Harvey's flancee, remained under arrest in connection with the killing in an unidentified West Midlands hospital where she is being treated, apparently having taken a drug overdose. Doc-tors treating her have told detectives that it might be some days before she is well

enough to be interviewed. Miss Andrews, a former model and barmaid who has a five-year-old daughter from a previous relationship, was arrested on Saturday, at the ilat she shared with Mr Harvey, 25, in Alvechurch, Hereford and Worcester.

Police continued the search for a "bladed instrument" in the hedgerow near where Mr Harvey died in Alvechurch. He was stabbed at least is times in the head, neck and body. Miss Andrews said that he had been attacked by a passenger in a car that had chased them for three miles.

The baby on the left finds is

In a month she might have the occasional spasm. In a year she won't be walking

because her legs will be taut one moment and floppy the next. Then her problems will really begin. People will notice she's

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Which brings us to today: Human Rights Day; when we ask you to remember that disabled: people have just as many rights as

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# Japanese cities top the bill for costly living

IF YOU want to save on the Christmas shopping, head for Bombay or, if you are loath to leave the European Union. Lisbon. These emerge as bargain basements in the latest comparison of worldwide living costs compiled by the Economist Intelligence Unit.

Though principally intended for roving businessmen the survey is also a useful price guide for shoppers with cosmopolitan tastes. Bombay props up the table at 120th while Tokyo and the Osaka-Kobe conurbation are the world's most expensive cities.

The survey reveals some startling comparisons. A kilogram of steak costing the equivalent of £3 in Budapest is over £111 in Tokyo, Chicken is seven times as expensive in Japan as Hungary, and a E740 dress in Tokyo is only

£117.50 in Budapest.
Thanks to a weakening yen, the Japanese league leaders I...Tokyo 2...Osaka-Kobe

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are slightly less costly than at their 1995 peak but will still frighten off anyone who thinks London is pricey. The British capital ranks twenty-eighth, equal with Luxembourg.
Oslo and Zurich, joint third behind the Japanese cities, are

the most expensive in Europe, followed by Geneva, though the Swiss cities have become cheaper in the past six months. Lisbon, which was already the least costly EU capital, has become cheaper still in the past six months and has dropped from forty-ninth

to fifty-second. Lovers of

Paris, in sixth place cand console themselves that the city is really only as expensive as Libreville, capital of Gabon.

Dublin is rated equal with New York, Shanghai and Sydney in thirty-second place. Many of the European cities offering savings over London are in the east. Warsaw is 99th, Prague 102nd, Beigrade 106th, Bucharest 108th. Cheapest European city is Budapest, placed 114th.

There is, though, a rank outsider that may tempt bargain hunters with Air Miles to blow. Tripoli is reckoned to be even cheaper than Bombay but Jane Gardiner of the Economist Intelligence Unit admits: "Our people could not carry out the survey in Tripoli because a government damp-down on blackmarke factivity has closed most of the sa

and led to a scarcity of On the other hand, sh keepers' are not putting p up, for fear of what; happen to them if they do.

### Captain is accused of crew deaths

The skipper of a square-rigged sailing ship has plead-ed not guilty to the manslaughter of three crew lost when the vessel was wrecked off north Cornwall last year. Mark Litchfield, 55, of Boxley, Kent, also pleaded not guilty at Truro Crown Court to two charges of the 137-year-old Maria Asumpto. The trial will be at a date and venue to be fixed.

### Diphtheria alert

A 20-year-old woman is being treated for suspected diphtheria at a hospital in Dundee. Bacterium were found in her throat during a routine investigation and tests are being carried out to determine whether they are of the toxin-producing type that can cause the disease.

### Jockey safe

Ray Cochrane, the jockey who was the subject of a missing persons hunt after he disappeared three weeks ago. is planning to return home. The 39-year-old former Der-by winner left his home in Swaffham Prior, Cambridge-shire, after a row with his wife Anne.

### Star bargains

The actress Goldie Hawn is to open the Harrods sale on January 8. Mohamed Al Fayed, the store's owner, will donate a "substantial" cheque to the charity of her choice. Last January the actor Gerard Depardien performed the task at





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# Major and Bruton in wrangle over peace negotiations

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR and John Bruton. the Irish Prime Minister, tried unsuccessfully yesterday to patch up their differences over the timing of Sinn Fein's entry into Northern

The two leaders remained divided over calls from the Irish Government to allow Sinn Fein into the negotiations almost immediately after the declaration of an IRA ceasefire. Mr Major has insisted that definite proof would be needed that terrorists had halted all violent activities, such as punishment beatings and the building up weapons

ment to make contact with Sinn Fein leaders immediately after a ceasefire announcement and bring them into the multi-party talks "early in the new year" if the IRA called a truce before Christmas.

After intelligence reports that the IRA may not follow its recent practice of declaring a Christmas ceasefire, Mr Bruton said: "For the sake of the people of Ireland and of all on these islands I call on them to give us an IRA ceasefire so that all can negotiate their future together free of threat."

British sources insisted there was no difference between the two gov-ernments over their demand that any ceasefire should be credible and lasting. Although Irish Government

leaders "understood each other better" after four hours of talks on Northern Ireland and this week's European Union summit, there was no claim that the leaders had moved

Mr Major said after the Downing Street meeting: "If there is a ceasefire we will look at the wordsthat are issued with the ceasefire but beyond that we will look at the sort of things necessary to see if the ground rules themselves are met That is why you can't put a particular timescale to it." he said.

Mr Bruton agreed that the onus was on hardline republicans in the IRA to restore the ceasefire "credibly at the earliest stage". He added, however: "I want Sinn Fein in the talks at the earliest moment. In practical terms, given the imminence of the Christmas recess, I would hope that this would be possible early in the new year."

Dublin voiced irritation last week over Mr Major's decision to make a statement on the conditions for Sinn. Fein's entry without reaching an agreement with Dublin. Mr Bruton emphasised the need for the two governments "to take a joint approach" in setting the conditions, although officials said that the "hitch has passed".

British ministers are determined not to be forced into making concessions towards Sinn Fein in the face of deep scepticism that an IRA ceazefire will be lasting. Mr Major has warned against the danger of a "fake" truce, during which bomb-ings cease but other terrorist activi-

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, yesterday intensified pressure on terrorists to give up their weapons and demanded an end to the IRA's "disgustingly cal-lous actions". Sir Patrick set out details of the Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Bill, which clears the way for an amnesty allowing terrorists to hand over weapons without the threat of prosecution.

Mo Mowlam, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, said that the Bill had wider significance than the decommissioning of weapons. It was a crucial measure designed to build ment in which talks could take place.



Mr Bruton and Mr Major leaving Downing Street

### Watchdog blamed for slide in shares

By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR

SIR Terence Burns, permanent secretary at the Treasury. last night blamed the electricity regulator, Professor Ste-phen Littlechild, for provoking a dip in the share prices in National Power and

Powergen.

He was being quizzed by MPs about the mauling of last year's £4 billion flotation of the Government's remaining stake in the two generators following a surprise an-nouncement from Prof. Littlechild that he might review prices charged by the 12 regional electricity companies in England and Wales.

Sir Terence made clear he was completely surprised by Prof. Littlechild's intervention: 'We neither knew he was going to make a statement and if so what it was about."

He told the powerful Commons Public Accounts Committee last night that new rules had since been agreed with regulators on the handling of future privatisations.

They must not in future make any statement from the moment of the share offer and for three months after the issue.

had to consult the Stock Exchange on any price sensitive matters. The affair was deeply embarrassing for the



Kenneth Clarke on his way to tell MPs that no country will make an EMU decision before 1998

# Cabinet sceptics win new talks on single currency

By Philip Webster, Jill Sherman and James Landale

SENIOR ministers have secured the right to a Cabinet debate on the single currency in the new year and are clinging to the hope that it will result in the Tories adopting a more sceptical line in the runup to the general election.

But Kenneth Clarke last night hardened the Government's wait-and-see policy by insisting that Britain would not be able to make a decision before 1998 at the earliest. After John Major's forth-

right defence of the policy in his television interview on Sunday, most Euro-sceptic ministers are reconciled to fighting the election with it still in place. But they believe that the agreement of the Cabinet on Thursday to a proposal by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, for a new Treasury assessment on whether other countries are fudging the entry conditions has given them one last

They say that if the report were to pinpoint largescale "cheating" it would show that the whole enterprise was unlikely to succeed and enable both Mr Major and Mr Clarke, the Chancellor, to declare that the likelihood of Britain entering in the next Parliament is small

Ministers say that Mr Howard's suggestion, agreed by both Mr Clarke and Mr Major, has at least "put the issue on the agenda" for the new year. Mr Clarke, however, will remain an obstacle. Appearing before the Treasury Select Committee yesterday he implied that it it would be impossible to make hard and fast decisions. He said decisions about entering economic and monetary union (EMU) could not be made on the basis

of economic forecasts.

The decision will not be taken by mathematicians or statisticians but by political heads of state," he said. What other countries will do is make up their minds in 1998 at the

Ministers decided at an Ecofin meeting 15 months ago that forecast figures were virtually useless - and not reliable enough to make a decision of this kind". He added: "The earliest figures likely to be of use are the outturn figures of 1997, 1998 is the earliest possible date at which members can make a decision on whether they want

But he implied that this could delay a start date for the first wave of a single currency.

I am personally doubtful about January 1, 1999, and it is not certain that there will be a

The signs are that the Tory party strife will go on into the new year. Less than two weeks returning from the force a general election than



policy is not tenable

Christmas break MPs will be faced with yet another potentially divisive vote on a Euro-The implacable. Euro-scep-

tic Teresa Gorman is to introduce a Bill under the 10minute rule on January 21 proposing a referendum on whether Britain should withdraw from the European Union and renegotiate its world trade links. Mrs Gorman said she had been moved to act in direct response to Mr Major's comments on ple of sticking to the wait and see policy on a single currency as "not tenable". She seemed to pay little heed to Mr Major's warning that he would rather let Tory rebels

EU negotiations.

I say that we don't have time for such a high-minded position," Mrs Gorman said. We are political animals; our support is here in Britain."
Her Bill cannot become law

but it will become a rallying point for Tory Euro-sceptics and could well embarrass the Government. Mrs Gorman, flanked by her fellow former whipless rebels John Wilkinson and Sir Teddy Taylor, said the Tories could win the election with the promise of a referendum in its manifesto. A similar Bill proposed by

Bill Cash calling for a referendum on Europe caused the Prime Minister embarrassment in June when 78 Tory MPs rebelled and backed the move: In April, another proposed by Jain Duncan Smith calling for reform of the European Court of Justice won the upport of 66 Tories.

Meanwhile government business managers were implicitly criticised for their handling of the recent Commons row over the sidelining of three controversial documents on the single currency. The European Legislation Select Committee reported that the saga was a "ringing endorse-ment" of its criticisms of the system of scrutinising Brus-sels documents and said it "would have been greatly preferable" if ministers had conceded a full-scale debate on the issue from the outset.

### Labour to woo leading lawyers

BY FRANCES GIBB : LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour Party last night launched an initiative to woo top City lawyers and tap what could be a lucrative source of

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election funding. Several senior figures in the legal profession openly support new Labour, including James Goudie, QC, and Peter Goldsmith, QC. But most of them are at the Bar, as are Cherie Booth, QC, the Labour leader's wife, and Bill Blair, QC, a banking law specialist and the leader's brother.

Well-known solicitor supporters, who include Rodger Pannone former Law Society president, and Henry Hodge, now with the Legal Aid Board, are thinner on the ground and in general do not come from commercial practices where the earnings are

Labour has been wooing the City since the "prawn cocktail offensive" under John Smith.

The initiative was launched by the Society of Labour Lawyers at its annual general meeting in Loudon. Peter Mandelson the Labour Party's campaign manager, addressed about 900 lawyers. thanking those who have pledged several thousand pounds to the party so

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# Ministers 'plan more war pension cuts'

BY JUL SHERMAN

LABOUR will today accuse the Government of planning cuts in war pensions for veterans suffering psychiatric disturb-ances. Harriet Harman, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, claims that government documents refer to new restrictions for such war pensioners. Ms Harman, who plans to raise the

issue in the Commons today, is now sending the documents to members of the Central Advisory Committee on War Pensions, which is being formally consulted on the Government's proposals.

The new restrictions follow last week's row over government plans to cut ESO million from disability benefits for war pensioners as part of the measures announced in the Budget. John Major insisted that no existing claimant would lose out but Labour calculated that 10,000 war pensioners would be affected.

Ms Harman will also accuse the Goverriment of staging a false consultation process. Although interested parties have till January 17 to send in views, the cutbacks have already been written into government spending plans. Details had already been printed. Ms Harman said.

### MP seeks Dunblane masonic inquiry

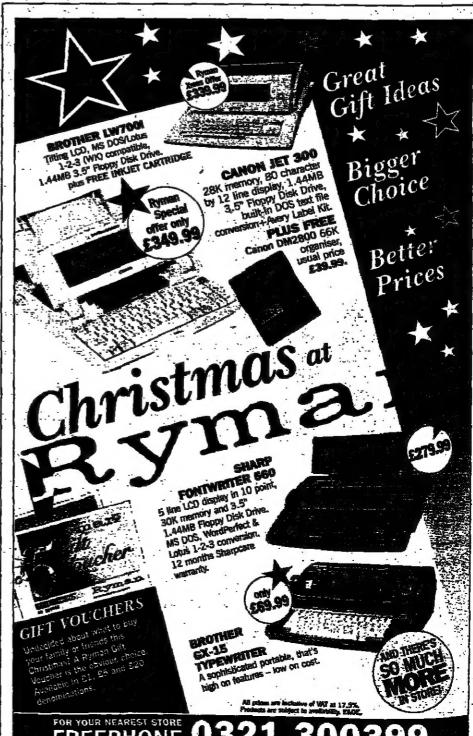
By VALERIE ELLIOTT

AN INOUIRY into possible masonic links between the Dunblane mass murderer, Thomas Hamilton, and the senior police officer who ap-proved his firearms certificate is being demanded by a Frank Cook, MP for Stock-

ton North, has tabled a Commons motion about possible links after being contacted by a former Scotland Yard officer. Mr Cook states in his motion that Hamilton, who shot 16 children and their teacher, was a freemason at the Garrow Hill lodge from 1977, and two years later was granted a firearms certificate. He also refers to the immediate resignation of Douglas McMurdo, the senior police officer, after publication of the Cullen report. His motion states "that such a senior officer of a provincial force would be unlikely not to be a freemason, that the apparent deletion of all computer reference to Hamilton in the databank of Central Scotland Police files for the period both before and after the incident demands clear explanation".

He also claims that in view of all the facts that the range and character of the relationship between Hamilton and the police officer "would appear potentially suspect", Mr Cook said be was

concerned by suggestions made to him by a former officer. "I want the facts to come out. There should be an inquiry and I am hoping that all MPs who are not freema-





# Forsyth rejects call for public inquiry into food poisoning

MICHAEL FORSYTH, the Scottish Secretary, gave a robust defence of the Government's handling of the food poisoning outbreak yesterday, as the E. coli 0157 bacterium claimed its tenth victim.

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Addressing MPs at the Scot-tish Grand Committee in Hamilton, South Lanarkshire, Mr Forsyth announced "with sadness" the latest death. The elderly woman, from Bonny-

Sunday evening in Stobbill Hospital, Glasgow,
A total of 390 people have reported symptoms and tests have confirmed that 209 have been infected with the bacterium. Forty-nine are in hospital and 25, including six children.

are seriously ill.

During a heated debate, Mr Forsyth rejected opposition calls for a public inquiry. He also attempted to end persistent claims that the Scottish Office was responsible for suppressing for five days the

list of affected outlets supplied by the butcher John M. Barr & Son. Mr Forsyth released correspondence with North Lanarkshire council which he said showed that the council had taken the decision to keep the list confidential. The letters also showed that the Scottish Office had "urgently" sought-information, but with little

Mr Forsyth said: "The procedures followed reflect a long-established view that responsibility should lie with the local authority environmental health department." He had reserve powers to take charge, but it had not been suggested that their use was appropriate. He added that the outbreak

would be fully explored by the fatal accident inquiry, the police investigation and the expert inquiry led by Professor Hugh Pennington. The inquiry would be "entitled to ex-

whereby the deaths might have been avoided; the defects, if any, of any system of working which contributed to the deaths; and any other facts which are relevant

The sheriff would have powers to call ministers and order documents to be released. Families affected would have the right to give evidence. It could also examine whether government guidelines needed altering.

George Robertson, Shadow Scottish Secretary, and MP for Hamilton, said a full public inquiry was needed. He asked why the Scottish Office Health Minister was not informed about concerns until three days after the outbreak and why the Scottish Office did not join the outbreak control team until a day after that. "Did he not read a newspaper, or listen to broadcasts? In this part of the world there is still confusion and worry and anxiety, and real



Forsyth: denied claims that Scottish Office had suppressed information

and genuine anger, about how this infection came about,

The Secretary of State may bridle and blame everybody

else. But heaping all responsi-

bility on local agencies when

his department was involved

right from the beginning is undignifed and improper."

Jeremy Bray, Labour MP for Motherwell South, which

includes Wishaw, the town

where the butcher believed to

be the sole source of the

outbreak is based, said: "The

important issues are not who

said what to who, at what



Robertson: said full public inquiry was needed to allay "genuine anger"

time. There are underlying

John Reid, Labour MP for

Motherwell North, said:

that under the government

guidelines, commercial inter-

ests have been placed above

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Dennis Canavan. Labour

MP for Falkirk West, said:

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Bill Walker. Conservative

MP for Tayside North, criti-

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There is a widespread feeling

problems with food bygiene."



Walker: claimed misinformation by Opposition had heightened fears

cised opposition "misinformation" for heightening fears. He said three members of his family had been ill with food poisoning over the past two weeks. "People are still very ill stories with little basis in fact

inquiry, with all the powers it has, will produce the Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish National Party, asked Mr Forsyth to confirm that Scotland had the highest inci-

dence of E. coli food poison-

... I believe a fatal accident

total research funding amounts to £500,000. Can have an assurance that in future, after this outbreak, these teams [of researchers] will be given the research funding which is required to eliminate this deadly bacterium from the food chain?"

Mr Forsyth said 52 million was being spent on research, with 18 projects nationally and five in Scotland.

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**BUY2GET** 

### More beef goes on Britain's plates

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

EATING beef is almost back to the level it held six months before a possible link was made between BSE and Creutzfeldt-Jakob

disease in humans. During the third quarter of the year, household beef consumption was 101 grams (3.53 oz) per person per week, 3 per cent down on the same period of 1995,

according to the Ministry of Agriculture.

Between the first and second quarters, consumption plunged by 23 per cent from 111 to 85 grams per person per week. This fol-lowed the Government's announcement on March 20 that eating beef infected with BSE was the most likely cause of a new strain

of CJD in humans.

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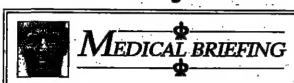
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# Why cats and cattle create a deadly duo



To toddler's farmyard picture book is com-plete without a scene showing a cat in the dairy among the cows. Cows and cats look so gentle, pretty and idyllic, but in real life this particular combination is becoming increasingly deadly. the multidrug-resistant organ-ism salmonella DT104, and they are probably infected initially by the fannyard cat, from one farm to the next.

This bacterium is becomin a growing cause of concern in both veterinary and human medicine, and since it is now usually antibiotic resistant is increasingly likely to be asso-ciated with fatalities.

Salmonella DT104, like other salmonella infections, produces symptoms ranging state to collapse. Characteristically the patient develops abdominal pain, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting between 12 and 48 hours after food contaminated with salmonella has been eaten. In most cases this clears spontaneous ly within five days. However, nella infection can be dangerous in young children, the aged and in those with chrondisease or who are

infected patient has a tem-perature, is laid low and there mia, with the infection involving other organs. There is a

that infection with salmonella DT104 is more likely than some other types of salmonella to give rise to serious gastroenteritis and other complications. In any patient, supportive therapy, with rehy-dration and treatment for vomiting and diarrhoes, is the

Although there is argument about when antibiotics should be given, the standard opin-ion; is, that, these should be patient is obviously seriously ill, and always if there is

The danger of salmonella DT104 to the community is the rate at which it is spreading, and its ability to develop resistance to all common antibiotics. Ten years ago there was only one case in England and Wales in which the or tant, and 262 in which it was sensitive to antibiotics. Last year there were only 109 cases recorded in which salmonella DT104 was sensitive to antibi otics and 3,502 in which it was resistant to all of the common ly prescribed drugs. This year shows every sign of being as bad as, if not worse than, 1995. The ease with which multi-

drug resistant food poisoning with salmonelle for strict precautions in storing and preparing food, as well as in personal hygiene.

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### **Asthma** sufferers 'exploited by unfair claims'

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S three million asthma sufferers are being persuaded by misleading and unfair claims to buy devices of doubtful value, according to Health Which?. published by the Consumers' Association.

An investigation by the magazine found that some companies are exploiting the fears of people with asthma. Advertisements for some devices, ranging from powerful vacuum cleaners to air filters, are aimed at parents of children with the condition.

The National Asthma Campaign, which assisted the investigation. said manufacturers were "cynically cashing in" on the desire for a cure.

Advertisements for nine different products were assessed by experts and shown to 2,000 people, who were questioned about them. An advertisement for Honeywell air filters. which are claimed to get rid of pet allergens, shows a woman cuddling a cat. The expert panel condemned it as misleading because an air cleaner would work only if the pet was outside the room.

Another advertisement for a cleaner called Medivap describes it as a "home asthma treatment". The panel said it might reduce house dust mites but the claim that it would improve control of asthma was not substantiated.

Melinda Letts, chief executive of the National Asthma Campaign, said: "When you or your child are living with asthma symptoms every day .. such advertisements can be very persuasive. As this report shows many of them are cynically cashing in on the natural desire for a cure."

Companies criticised at-tacked Health Which? for ignoring information sent to the magazine. A Honeywell spokesman said it was untrue its air filters would not work when a pet was in the room.

Colin Taylor, of Medivac, said it was well known that a many people. He said he had cleared the Medivap device advertisement with an asthma specialist before publication.



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# Daring version of inhabited Thames bridge captures public imagination

THE competition to span the Thames has never been stronger. Yesterday the Royal Academy announced that the public had voted 2-1 in favour of a controversial 35-storey tower in its competition for an inhabited bridge to be built across the Thames opposite the London Weekend Tele-

Today the City Corporation will announce the winner of another competition: London's first purely pedestrian bridge across the Thames linking St Paul's Cathedral with the Tate Gallery of Modern Art being installed in

The Royal Academy's announcement is likely to trigger one of the fiercest planning battles in London since the controversy over the

"Green Giant" on the south bank of the river at Vauxhall. inhabited bridge sounds be-nign, a nostalgic echo of the houses on Old London Bridge, the tower designed by the French architect Antoine Grumbach would dominate the majestic view of the dome

of St Paul's from Waterloo

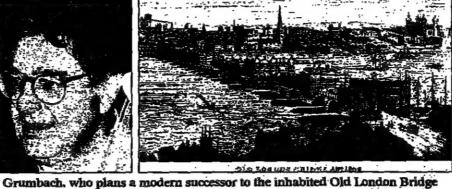
It would also interrupt the fine run of plane trees along the Embankment and cast a giant shadow over the gar dens of the Inner Temple: it is likely to be fiercely resisted by the lawyers who occupy the

In the summer the Royal Academy's assessors chose joint winners of the inhabited bridge competition, M Grumbach's and a scheme by Zaha



Hadid, designer of the rejected controversial Cardiff Opera House.

John Gummer, one of the has come out strongly in favour of the proposal. This is in marked contrast to the usual quasijudicial stance taken by envi-northern side, with three tiers



ronment ministers over proposals that they may have to diudicate on after a public

M Grumbach's eye-catching scheme consists of twin 130-metre high towers built

of gardens in the sky, which are an echo of those in the Commerzhank now rising in Frankfurt, designed by Sir Norman Foster. The wide bridge suspended by cables from the tower is more like a seaside pier than a conven-

glass-walled tropical nouse built out on stilts into the river with walks through the tree tops. Quite apart from the size of M Grumbach's tower, its fishnet stocking style cladding is likely to prove controversial. The bridge would be spectacular at night when lights within would cast brilliant reflections on a dark stretch of

The Royal Academy emphasises that its scheme does not depend on public money. "We are talking to developers with a view to choosing one to take the proposal forward," a spokesman said. The Port of London Authority, whose permission will be needed to build across the river, is said

### Wildlife sites 'at risk from the water industry'

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

**HUNDREDS** of wildlife sites are in danger of being sucked dry by water companies, industry and agriculture, an alliance of wildlife groups claim today. They fear that rivers, wetlands, lakes and marshes are being sacrificed. Graham Wynne, of the Roy-at Society for the Protection of Birds and chairman of the Biodiversity Challenge Group of wildlife charities, said that the Government had recently the Government has reasonly backed strategies to help more than a hundred endangered species and scores of key habitats yet "its water policy is putting those same threatened species and habitats at risk".

The warning is backed by contract including the Friends system

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groups including the Friends of the Earth, the World Wide Fund for Nature, Butterfly Conservation, the botanical charity Plantlife and county wildlife trusts. In a report, High and Dry, they say that more than 300 sites are at risk. Gary Mantle of Wiltshire Wildlife Trust said the River Kennet in Wiltshire was being damaged by Thames Water. which pumps water from the underground chalk. The impact on rivers included a sharp decline in water rowstoot, a freshwater plant

ing grounds clean. The Fails of Clyde are said to have been reduced by hydro-power and sand and gravel extraction. There is also a pumping proposal at the largest natural lake in Wales,

that helps to keep trout spawn-

Llyn Tegid in Snowdonia.
The groups want a review of all abstraction licences to pinpoint serious damage: a review of planning rules so that new developments are steered towards areas with plentiful water supplies; higher prices for pumping water from envi-ronmentally sensitive areas; and a national water-saving

The Environment Agency said that recent rain had helped to reckarge many ressouth-east areas that relied on underground supplies still needed good winter rainfall to head off difficulties next year.

# Rescue crews free driver soaked in petrol under lorry

A DRIVER escaped with minor injuries after lying soaked in petrol in the wreck of his car for three hours as crush him. Anthony Willis was able to walk to an ambulance unaided after rescue crews used special equipment that created no sparks to cut

Mr Willis, 51, a shopowner from

Houghton-le-Spring, Sunderland, suffered minor petrol burns and grazed knuckles. "All I knew was that I was being bounced around like a ping pong ball. I wasn't hurt but I was trapped with my legs crossed and I started to suffer from cramp."

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the accident scene it looked awful. The car was unside down and the lorry was on its side on top of it." ing a Turkish-owned lorry carrying 19 diesel engines, whose driver was

him from his Peugeot 405 beside the Al in North Yorkshire. he said. A North Yorkshire Police said: "It was a very tricky situation spokesman said: "When we got to with risks from fire and the engines, with risks from fire and the engines, which weighed around a tonne each. There was a double danger for the car driver. He was soaked in petrol of the crash at Londonderry, involv- had slipped any further, he could have been crushed by one of the diesel engines on the lorry."

First the rescuers had to secure the

lorry to make sure it did not slip further, then unload its cargo. Next a crane was manoeuvred into position to lift it away. Paramedics kept up a stream of conversation with Mr not told of the lorry's position:

The police spokesman added: "He was wearing a seat belt and that



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# One in two doctors disenchanted by reforms, says survey

By IAN MURRAY COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

GPs HAVE become so disillusioned by the National Health Service that a quarter of them would not do the job if they could start their careers again and a half admit to being disenchanted with reforms in the service. Only one in five is now working as a family doctor in the traditional set-up. . The figures are based on interviews with 100 GPs and question-

study, for the Economic and Social Research Council, found that reforms had led to a reduction in inefficiency and a growth of entrepreneurial behaviour among some doctors, but about half had a negative view of recent NHS changes and felt their activities were being increasingly constrained.

There were considerable variations in the extent to which doctors had taken the opportunities to innovate. Three quarters of practices now offer physiotherapy and five of the non-fundholders were nine out of ten carry out minor surgery. Only one in three, however, had introduced a computerised appointment system or set up

Fundholding practices were not always found to be the most enterprising, with some doctors saying they had joined reluctantly under pressure from health authorities or neighbouring practices. Neverthe-less, the study found that just over

true entrepreneurs, with a positive view of the reforms.

The findings are among a series of surveys about the welfare state published today by the council. Another found that all social classes, including those sending their children to private schools. wanted more spent on state education even if it meant higher taxes.

Self-interest was not the main driving force behind the desire for extra funds. While just over a half

would benefit from more education spending, almost three quarters believed it would be in the interest of the nation as a whole.

A survey of housing need found that nine out of ten homeowners want more money spent on council housing. The report says this about the future of the housing Government has failed to deliver the promised security and prosper-

In-depth interviews with 45 people in the process of buying or selling a property disclosed a strong sense of betrayal, the researchers found. They felt the Government had encouraged owner occupation throughout the 1980s but failed to live up to its side of the bargain." Two out of five households felt buying a house had

that owning a home was a burden.

A study about care of the elderly

believed they should contribute something towards the cost and not rely entirely on the state. However, only 6 per cent were prepared to take out long-term insurance to pay for the costs. Overall, one in four believed the state should pay for everything become risky and over a half felt while the same proportion felt the

25 and 70, the largest yet made on

the subject, found just over half

state should only pay if the indivi-dual could not afford to.

Asian, 21,

loses race

murder

appeal

By A STAFF REPORTER A YOUNG Asian man de tained for life for the racially motivated gang murder of a

schoolboy lost his appeal against conviction yesterday.

a ten-strong Bangladeshi gang

that roamed through King's

Cross, north London, bent on

attacking any white boy who

got in their way. Richard Everitt, 15, who weighed 14

stone, was unable to run away

fast enough. He was stabbed

in the back so hard that the

Miah, of Euston, north

London, did not wield the

knife but was convicted on the

basis of "joint enterprise" with others. His lawyers argued

that the judge at his Old Bailey

trial failed properly to direct the jury on the evidence and

blade went in up to the hilt.

Badrul Miah, 21, was one of

# Tests expose flaws in new guidance system for planes

A NEW air navigation system designed to allow commercial airliners to fly with pinpoint accuracy anywhere in the world could be seriously flawed, leading to potential dangers. Research carried our by the Civil Aviation Authority has revealed navigational errors in nearly 4 per cent of flights using the satellite-

Twenty-eight malfunctions were reported on a British Airways Boeing 747 while it was under test. Each fault lasted for an average of 81 minutes, during which time the aircraft would have travelled more than 600 miles without proper guidance had it been relying on the equip-

unacceptable by the CAA, which is urging American safety authorities to slow down the introduction of the equipment until it is proved to be completely reliable. The

pment, part of the Future Air Navigation System (Fans), is a more complex version of the Global Positioning System (GPS) already used by yachts-men and fishermen. It would be particularly useful in parts of Africa, where a lack of proper air traffic control has been severely criticised by international airline pilots.

Airlines are gradually installing instruments capable of picking up signals from up to 25 American and Russian satellites orbiting the earth. Computers then calculate where the aircraft is to within a few feet, enabling long-distance flights to be made accurately over water and parts of the world where there is no ground radar cover.

But the CAA says that in nearly 35,000 tests carried out on aircraft fitted with the equipment, they recorded 759 "outages" — when the equipment was not functioning at all - with the on-board avionics. A further 487 navigational errors were not picked up by the aircraft's own computer. Under existing plans, the

GPS, would be used in tandem with existing inertial navigation or radar-based systems by 2002 and then be the only system-in use anywhere in the world by 2010. The cost of fitting every aircraft with the equipment is likely to be at least £1.5 billion plus £350 million a year to maintain the

Although many airlines have balked at the initial cost. they have been happy to press ahead because the new system seemed so reliable, opening up the opportunity for more air-craft to be packed into the increasingly busy air lanes and huge amounts of fuel to be saved by flying precise tracks. which appears to indicate that

both the on-board equipment

is not reliable and the satellites

THE DANGERS IN SATELLITE NAVIGATION SYSTEMS

sway out of orbit near the poles and so provide false information to the aircraft, is

bound to cause alarm. Pilots are also concerned that when the system is working properly it can be too accurate. It would automatically keep each aircraft exactly on the centre line of an airway, there would be a high risk of a mid-air collision if either of

them was at the wrong height. "Airline pilots spend hours exactly in the centre of their nine-mile wide airways, guar-anteeing only 1,000-2,000 ft separation from opposite-di-rection traffic," two pilots write in a letter to the maga-

zine Flight International. "A mistake during an altitude change may cause disaster."

They want computers to be offset to the right of the aircraft's track, guaranteeing at least two miles separation while enabling the aircraft to

Work on testing the GPS

both the CAA and the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington in an attempt to resolve the problems, but there will also be appeals for a slow-down in the rush to install the new satellite-based system or at least to ensure that it is used in conjunction with rather than in place of existing procedures.

that the drafting of the indict-ment against him prejudiced his defence. The Court of Appeal rejected the claims but said a legal point of general importance could form the basis of a fresh appeal to the House of Lords. The judges said the question was whether, for a conviction of "joint enterprise" murder, it was necessary to show that a secondary party like Miah intended to kill, or whether it was enough to prove that he realised that the prime mover

> bodily harm. Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice Johnson and Mr Justice Timothy Walker also dismissed an appeal by Showkat viction and three-year youth custody sentence for violent

might kill or cause serious

# causes a stink with

OTTV

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A STUDENT who hoped to import a box of rhino dung for research at Hull University has fallen foul of Customs rules. Officials have told Vicky Myers that as the product of an endangered species, the-dung is banned and she must

apply for a licence. Miss Myers, 23, needs the sample for research towards her Master of Science degree. She has been working with game wardens in southern Africa on a project to introduce the white rhino into Namibia and analysis of the droppings will give conservationists a. better picture of its dietary

Jim Dumsday, a Hull University spokesman, said Miss Myers wanted to analyse the samples to see if the rhinos had a preference for specific grasses, which would help to determine the best habitats.

The work, he said, had a serious ecological purpose. She was hoping to do the analysis in Hull. We have the facilities here and it would be better than scouring around Africa for somewhere to do it.

"She needs less than a kilogramme but it qualifies as a scientific sample, which complicates things further. She was hoping to return with the dung last month but the licence hadn't been cleared. Now we hope she will be able to bring it back when she finishes over there in April." Dr Mike Elliott, Miss My-

ers's tutor, said he contacted Customs and Excise officers in Hull to check the simultion. They weren't sure and said they would check with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, i reminded. s them of the international agreement which bans trade in the products of endangered species, thinking that the dung

might be defined as such.
The first MAFF person 1 spoke to thought I was joking. I was then told I had to write to another office for 'sample' import licences. I am still waiting for a reply."

A spokeswoman for the ministry said it was still trying to determine what kind of licence was required.



# \* Rare dung Ho, ho, ho, time to draw a laugh and win £1,500

Mathilda in Queensland on time, but you still have three weeks to enter your work for the Mel Calman Awards and become Young Cartoonist of the Year.
The Annual compo

was faunched last year in memory of Mel Calman, whose mischievous, often moving pocket carbous added a particular spice to the surrounding sew of news on the front page of The Times

for many years. This year, the judges are looking for a pocket cartoon the single column joke for which Calman was resembled - on a topical news story.

Aspiring young cartoonists must be British sationals and under 30 years of age on December 31, the closing date

Sponsored by The Times and the British Cartoonies Association, the competition is hoping to smoke out unknowns who can follow in the steps of masters such as Calman and Mark Boxer, and join today's leading.
lights, including Mast of The
Daily Telegraph: Pugh,
Calman's successor on The
Times, Peter Brookes of The Times, and The Guardian's Steve Bell, Brookes and Bell are among the judges, who







man's writer daughter, Clare. The winner receives £1,500. The two runners up will rebe a special category for those under 18, also with a ture of BBC2's Food And Drink team was best of the

large entry.
Since winning, Cusick has been approached about various commissions, including painting a caricature of the Bishop of Birmingham and doing a mural for an indoor ski-slope in Taurworth. He is carrently studying for a de-gree in visual communica-tions at the University of Central England in

for entrants: under 30 and under 18. Cartoonists already working for a national news paper may not enter. Entrants may submit up to two pocket cartoons on

paper, board or card, up to A4 in size, and drawn in ink or pencil, in black and white. No collages.

Do not sign the work on the front. Entries — previously unpublished, and unframed

- should be marked with the applicant's name, date of birth, address and telephone number on the back, and sent to The Mel Calman Awards 1996, Ashentree Court, London ECSS SNG.

Copyright remains with the cartoonist bot originals will not be returned, so entrants

# Neighbours tell French to polish up their embassy

minster Council and English

Heritage to intervene but the

building is protected by what

amounts to diplomatic immu-

THE French Embassy in London is to be spruced up after neighbours complained about its dilapidated and dirty condition. The stucco finish is cracked

and peeling and glass around the entrance is broken, contributing to the down-at-heel appearance of the whole fivestorey building. In contrast, the Kuwaiti Embassy, housed in its identical twin on the other side of Albert Gate in Knightsbridge, is immaculately painted, with potted bay trees standing fresh and green by the front door against the cream walls.

The two buildings were early 19th-century private homes designed in the Italian. ate style by Thomas Cubitt. just down the road from the Duke of Wellington's residence at Hyde Park Corner. The grand living rooms, with their ornate plaster work and chandeliers, made them ideal for receptions. In 1853, No 58: was bought by the French

Government to serve as its Newton, the association's secretary, said: "It's very sad It has been well maintained. because it is such an attractive down the years and was last renovated in 1988, but the

According to Hermione grime from what is one of London's busiest roads has Hobhouse, Cubitt's biographer, the stucco needs repainttaken its toll on the painting every four years to protect work. Now the residents feel it from the high pollution. Leaving a fine building in that the building's poor condithis sort of condition is a bit of tion is lowering the tone of a discourtesy to the host nation," she said.

Sir Robin Gillett, a. former Lord Mayor of London, said: The embassy has not been able to afford renovation costs We wouldn't let our embassies abroad look like that. If I because it has recently needed to pay for similar work on the French Institute in South Kenwere ambassador I would feel ashamed. All it needs is a coat of paint, and I would have sington and to the ambassador's residence in Kensington thought that France should Palace Gardens. Next year, have enough money for however, there will be enough Knightshridge Residents' Association has asked Westmoney for the much-needed coat of paint.

"We are very proud of our properties in London." Laurent Lemarchand, the embassy spokesman, said. "We appreciate that the are part of nity, so there is no way of forcing France to pay for a cost of paint. Carol Seymourhistoric London and we try to

# The dead duck that started a flap

IT WAS a pretty sight on a spring day as three mallards wandered across Bluebell Road, but it was not guite pretty enough to stop all the traffic. That was how Richard trial yesterday for intentional-

lake crossed in front of the 22year-old motorist as he drove his parents' Volvo in May. Cars from the opposite direction had stopped but he fatally struck the first duck. The second was injured after walk-

flew away.

saying that he had slowed down and thought the ducks would fly away. Ken Ottaway. the magistrate, said it may have been reckless, but he was not satisfied that the driver

INC KSPCA was brought under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. The member of a young ornitholo- maximum fine is £1,000.

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> SMOKING CAUSES HEART DISEASE Chief Medical Officers' Warning

# Shipping tycoon steers middle course as he sails into Hong Kong job

IN HONG KONG

TUNG CHEE-HWA. Peking's long-designated candidate to be Hong Kong's first post-1997 Chief Executive, will be selected formally for the post tomorrow and instantly become the supreme political

figure in the British colony.

A 400-member Selection Committee of Hong Kong citizens picked by Peking - 60 of whom serve on Peking government bod-ies — will choose Mr Tung at the Convention Centre here.

C.H., as he is widely known, speaks Cantonese, Mandarin and English and was born in what was then the French concession in Shanghai. He is the embodiment

of Hong Kong's cosmopolitanism, having studied at Liverpool University, before working at General Electric in America. He returned to the colony to take over his family's shipping business.

The family had fled to Hong Kong in 1949 when he was 12 years old. His was a traditional Chinese upbringing which appears to have stood him in good stead when the shipping company, Orient Over-seas, ran into trouble. His father had over-expanded it into the world's second-largest shipping empire and by 1985 had incurred debts of \$2.6 billion (£1.6 billion). Mr Tung took a controversial restructuring loan of \$120 million which was backed by China. Like many businessmen bere, be

is adept at playing both sides of the political divide, having acted as co-chairman of Peking's Preparatory other key candidates: Simon Li, a retired high court judge. Ti Lianguage the resigned Chief Justice. Committee to map out the future while at the same time advising Chris Patten, the Governor.

On Sunday, Mr Patten promised that the first Chief Executive would have senior staff from the civil service to help him during the six months he will be preparing programmes and policies. But the Governor added that according to the 1984 treaty with China, he would retain ultimate responsibility until July 1 next year. Although this is legally true, much of his power will seep away to Mr Tung over the next six months. His selection will end a largely

notional contest. There were three

and Peter Woo, son in law of the late Sir Y.K. Pao, one of the richest

On November 15, at a preliminary vote in the Convention Centre, decorated to resemble Peking's Great Hall of the People and overseen by Qian Qichen, the Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr Li was climinated and Mr Tung received 206 votes, more than double the runner-up. Mr Ti.

The result was forctold in January in Peking, when President Jiang Zentin singled Mr Tung out of a crowd for a handshake. He bestowed a second on Henry Fok, the aged millionaire who had played a vital role in builing Mr Tung out of near-bankruptcy. When Mr Patten became Gover-

nor he appointed Mr Tung to his Executive Council. Mr Patten denies this was intended to establish a conduit to Peking, where Mr Tung is close to the supreme power structure. He also sits on American Foundation boards to blust hostility to China, he explained recently.

Mr Tung has visited some of the colony's poorest people and expressed sympathy and surprise at their lot. He has also surveyed schools, trade unions, public bodies and political parties, and showed unflappable amiability and the ability to dodge tricky questions on human rights, free speech, China's political prisoners and Hong Kong's democrats. More recently he has emerged as Peking's man, and emphasises his Chinese-ness.

No group advocating the inde-pendence of Tibet or Taiwan will be welcome here after 1997, he says. "As a Chinese man I consider this intolerable." He has also virtually condenued the Democratic Party here as un-Chinese.

"I am sure my view on China is wide and deep," he said last week. At his first major press conference in October he observed: "My philosophy is that one should emphasise obligations rather than

On the Tisnanmen Square massacre in 1989 he said: "It happened.



Tung attending a Kowloon ers' meeting yesterday

# Peking wields whip as party tries to hold back change

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

harshest political campaign since the aftermath of the violent 1989 suppression of pro-democracy demonstrations in Tiananmen Square. The campaign has seen a fresh crackdown on dissidents, the brilliant film industry.

But Chinese people as a whole do not seem to be paying it much heed.

Slogans extolling President Jiang Zemin's hardline "spiritual civilisation" campaign festoon the biliboards on Peking's traffic-choked main streets. "Devote great efforts to building up socialist spiritual civilisation, urges a giant slogan at the southern end of Tiananmen Square, not far from Mao's mausoleum.

The campaign is a movement to haul China's fastevolving society back onto a narrower, more controllable track and into at least a surface unquestioning obedience to the Communist Party,

analysts say. The party is nervous as it approaches 1997, with the return of Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty in mid-year, later crucial party congress ushering in leadership changes, and the possibility that the ailing 92-year-old senior leader, Deng Xiaoping.

CHINA is in the middle of the may pass from the scene. envoys say, "Ali these events are potentially destabilising," said one diplomat.

This explains the clampdown on human rights activists this year, including the trials and harsh jail terms for dents. Wei Jingsheng and the former student leader, Wang Dan. Newspapers, fairly lively a year ago, are now universally boring, the Chinese com-plain. The leadership of the news media must be tightly held in the hands of those who are loyal to Marxism, the party and the people," President Jiang said when he

visited People's Daily.
"The spiritual civilisation campaign is to reinforce the leadership of the party and to show it still has an ideological reason to exist even though true Marxism is dead," said one analyst. "A byproduct is to improve morals and hit burgeoning crime, especially corruption.

Under the campaign to enforce ideological orthodoxy, culture police have emasculated the much praised film industry. Only 70 films have been produced this year, less than haif last year's total.

Many more face delayed approval and have to show 'Communist heroes and up-

right cadres" instead of decadent scenes of prewar Shang-hai and hints of homosexuality, as in past films by Zhang

Yimou and Chen Kaige. Peking has also reasserted control over imported TV programmes and cable TV sysearlier, and outmoded, "socialist emulation" campaigns, people are urged to forswear rampant materialism and to learn from model bus conductresses and plumbers who "serve the people" at all hours and in all weathers.

The current ruthless "strike hard"campaign against crime is popular, with almost 2,000 criminals shot this year, while the party has given many people a better lifestyle.

Yesterday markets were full of fresh fruit and vegetables. even bananas from Écuador. Shops were awash with consumer goods and restaurants full of family parties.

"People have tuned out of politics," said one US-educated Chinese man. "They want to lead a quiet life unaffected by crime, make money, watch TV soap operas and get on with their lives. Most have little regard for party and body wants to see disorder again such as in 1989, so street unrest is unlikely."



Seventeen members of a defecting North Korean family arrive in Seoul from Hong Kong after a 44-day trek through China. They carried their stroke-hit father for thousands of miles as they fled from their Communist homeland (Stella Kim writes). Choi Hyun Sil, wife of a defecting military official, said: "We were able to make it because we held on to each other with a single goal to get here as soon as possible."

### Transfer of colony vexes US

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE White House has placed Hong Kong at the top of its list of concerns over future Sino-American relations and said an undernocratic transfer of the British colony to Chinese sovereignty could sour President Clinton's policy of engagement with Peking.

clared a thaw in relations yesterday when he met General Chi Haotian, the Chinese

Defence Minister, a top White House official was reported us saying fears of turmoil had become the biggest uncer-tainty. "If they [Chinese offici-als] misbandle the reversion and it does not go reasonably well, that will sour our relationship in a serious way," said Sandy Berger, the newly appointed National Security Adviser, in a Los Angeles

Mr Berger, who weapons proliferation and possible Taiwan disputes as hardles to diplomatic rela-tions, said the White House had grown increasingly wor-ried about possible chaos in Hong Kong. He said riots, arrests of pro-democracy dissidents, a press clampdown or a mass exodus from East Asia's financial capital, could seriously affect improved Wash-

ington-Peking links.
The Administration has yet naval vessels to use the port after June 1997, or for its

### Chinese landings pose new threat to Taiwan

Peking: In what could be a veiled new warning to Tal-wan, China claimed yesterday it had staged amphibious war games that indicated a turning point in its ability to land forces on distant shores aided by what it termed the "iron

fist" of its armoured units. (James Pringle writes). armed forces newspaper, said that the war games combined air, sea and land forces in a

recent, successful assault on an unnamed island.

The report made no mention of any potential target and did not identify the military units that took part. Nor did it say where the exercises took

 American analysts say they do not believe that China Liberation Army Daily, the would have the ability to mount an assault across the 150-mile-wide Taiwan Strait for several years.

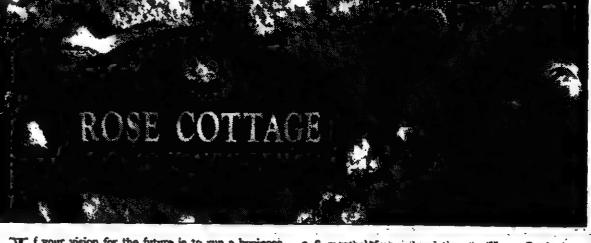
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# Paris rift with US poisons hopes for a slimmer Nato

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

AN INCREASINGLY damag ing rift between the United States and France over the future command of Nato's southern military headquar-ters is undermining all efforts to restructure the alliance, Western diplomatic sources

As Nato foreign ministers meet in Brussels today to discuss alliance expansion and a new security relation-ship with Russia, the sources admitted that the disagreement between Washington. and Paris was now poisoning the whole atmosphere. France is insistent that the

Americans should give up command of Allied Forces Southern Europe, based in Naples, although Paris has suggested that the switch to a European command could be delayed for five years.

Volker Rühe, the German Defence Minister, has proposed a rotational two-year command between the Americans and Europeans. How-ever, Washington has rejected both of these ideas and has told the French that there can be no question of a

One senior American military source said: "What would the French come up with if they took over Afsouth command? We have the US 6th Fleet and 100,000 soldiers that can be deployed at a moment's notice. What would the French bring to the command?" Nato sources said that it would not he wrong to describe the relationship between the French and Americans as vitriolic".

Until one side backs down and there is no hint of that happening so far - the Nato military chiefs cannot complete their proposals for a new slimmed-down alliance, reducing the present number of commands from three to two, with only Assouth and Allied Forces Central Europe (Afcent), which is based at Brunson in The Netherlands. remaining. Afcent is under the command of a four-star German general. Nato sources

"We are in a position where President Chirac cannot back down because he would be seen as caving in to the Americans, and the US will not back down because it is too important a command to give up and Congress would never approve, one Nato source

said that France had "gone

public" over its demands, making it more difficult to find

France wants Assouth to be in European hands because this is the command which will be responsible for most of Nato's post-Cold War rapid deployment operations, including Bosnia, the Middle East and Africa.

Aftent is the more traditional Nato command, although it will take responsibility for the

proposed new members ~ Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary. All the principal issues re-

lating to Nato's future are caught up in the Washington-Paris row: France's reintegration into Nato's military structure, Europe's search for a bigger identity within the alliance, and even the expansion of the alliance.

Today the Nato foreign ministers will make an effort to appear calm and diplomatic at their meeting in Brussels, but alliance sources admitted that in recent meetings all pretence of gentlemanly behaviour has been dropped, as the French and American sides refused to budge over Alsouth. Tomorrow the 16 ministers

will be meeting Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, and will propose a new forum of 17, to include Russia, which would involve the Kremlin in alliance decision-making.
Nato sources have de-

scribed it as co-decision-making, but they ruled out cow holding a veto.

The Nato foreign ministers have no idea whether the Russian Foreign Minister is going to attack them again for Nato's expansionist policy or whether he will adopt a more practical approach, accepting that Moscow cannot prevent enlargement eastwards and negotiating a meaningful deal with Nato



Greek farmers man a blockade of tractors on the main Salonica-Athens highway at Larisa yesterday

### British truckers beat Greek roadblocks

FEDM JOHN CARE IN ATHENS

SEVERAL dozen British lorry drivers outwitted Greek farmers' roadblocks and drove over winding mountain roads to deliver their loads, to Athens at the weekend.

After being stranded in the western port of Patras because of a nationwide farmers' strike that has paralysed transport for 12 days, the truckers "just got fed up", according to Gordon Bernard, the British Consul in Athens.

They discovered a lot of little-used back routes, and used the emergency ferry boat service from Patras to Athens."

he said. "If the strikers cotton on to what is happening, we could have a problem

Greek truckers, meanwhile, are threatening to smash their way through more than 100 blockades which the farmers have set up with tractors on strategic highways and rail junctions. The farmers are complaining of a severe incomes squeeze which the Greek Gov-

ernment says it can do nothing about.

The stand-off hardened yesterday as the farmers threatened to stay at their barricades until planting time next spring. Stiffening their resolve were Minister, calling them "blackmailers".

farmers roast lambs on spits in the shelter of their tractors at night.

Greek officials said vesterday that the strike was costing the national economy up to £9 million a day in lost business. Factories are running out of spare parts. However. Athens remains fairly well

Intercity buses and the state railways are suffering big losses, with public transport at a complete halt. The Government, hoping public opinion will turn against the farmers, yesterday reiterated its determination not to give way.

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### Leakey dynasty's matriarch dies

Nairobi: Mary Leakey, 83-year-old matriarch of a distinguished family of environmentalists and fossil-hunters, died peacefully at her home in Nairobi yesterday (Sam Kiley writes). She left behind a generation of well-known white Kenyan nationalists and a body of work that revolutionised thinking about the evolution of mankind and state.

Dr Leakey's most important discoveries were made in, or and teeth of 11 creatures believed to belong to the Homo genus and which dated to 3.75 million years ago, adding a million years to the previously established evidence of human origins. The daughter of a British landscape artist, she became the second wife of Louis Leakey, the Kenyan palaeoanthropologist, in 1936. Yesterday she was described as the "driving force belind Louis's credibility". Oblinary, page 21

### Rawlings tipped to win

Accra: With official returns slowly being declared, Jerry Rawlings, the incumbent, seems to be moving towards victory in Ghana's presidential elections (Michael Pinto-Duschlusky writes). With confirmed results from 85 of the 200 constituencies, Mr Rawlings is leading with 51.3 per cent of the vote, compared with 46.2 per cent for J. A. Kufuer, the main opposition candidate. E. N. Mahama has 2.5 per cent. The President needs to clear the burdle of 50 per cent in order to avoid a run-off vote in three weeks' time. As expected, his main support has come from rural areas.

### **Russian win for Greens**

Moscow: Russia's environmental movement scored its first big victory against the authorities yesterday when residents in the central Russian Kostroma province voted overwhelm ingly against building a nuclear power station (Richard Beeston writes). In a move which could have repercussions across the country, about 87 per cent of voters in the region. 250 miles north of Moscow, rejected at the urging of Greenpeace a plan for a modern reactor to be built near the town of Bui. The vote, the first of its kind in Russian history, was binding, effectively scrapping the project for good.

### French 'President' dies



Paris: Alain Poher, left, who was a Speaker of the Senate for a quarter of a century and twice stood in as President of France, has died aged 87. M Poher was acting head of state for two months when General Charles de Gaulle resigned in 1969 and again when Georges Pompidou, who had defeated him in an election run-off for the post. died in 1974. (Reuter)

### 30 killed in bus attack

Guwahati, India: Separatist Naga tribal guerrillas shot dead 30 bus passengers and wounded 24 yesterday in the northeast Indian state of Nagaland near the Burmese border. Police said the guerrillas, armed with guns and grenades, stopped a bus carrying more than 60 passengers and asked ethnic Naga tribesmen to get off before opening fire on the others. All the dead were Kuki tribespeople, with whom the Nagas have a bitter rivalry. (Reuter)



Protesters in Brussels, with their hands in leg traps

### Kohl and Chirac in 'therapy' session on single currency

FROM ROGER BOYES IN NUREMBERG

resemble group therapy ses-sions: half a dozen ministers accompanying their leaders closet themselves in rooms padded with note-takers, let their primal fears tumble out and emerge a few hours later with a prescription for

encounter between Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, and

The Germans have a fination: the stability of the mark which is subtly connected with the stability of postwar democratic order. The Bavarian leader, Edmund Stoiber, stirred things up yesterday by warning that the lack of a stability pact with credible (that is, more or less automatically imposed) sanctions would lead to inflation, higher interest rates, higher unemployment and devaluation.

The fact is that Bonn, isolated within the European Union, has to fight until the last trench on the stability pact because it is the captive of two home-baked deceits. The first is that the cure will

SUMMITS between France be just as strong as the mark. The closer Italy comes to resemble group therapy ses-(EMU), the more France juggles its figures, and the deeper the suspicion of the German public. The statement is reported again and again by Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, and it is a potential election-losing declaration unless EMU candidates are

> cent public deficit target, set by the Maastricht treaty, is immutable. "Three per cent is 3 per cent, not 3.2 or 3.3," says Herr Waigel. Yet all indepen-dent economic advice suggests that even Germany cannot

the Bundesbank.

# EU bans fur from leg traps

FROM LEYLA LINTON IN REUKSELS

A BAN on fur imports into the European Union from animals caught in leg-hold traps will finally come into force in the new year. EU environment ministers agreed in Brussels

They unanimously rejected as "completely unacceptable" compromise deal by the would have excluded some forms of leg-hold traps and four years to introduce the ban that should have come into effect almost two years ago. The Commission had delayed implementing it and

spent months trying to negotiate a compromise deal with Russia, Canada and the United States, all top fur exporters. The US has threatened to take the EU to the World Trade Organisation.

Britain has banned leg-hold mer, the Environment Minister, said he was pleased with given fur-exporting countries the support from other EU could get caught in the traps."

inhumane method. "These traps hold animals in an excruciatingly painful way for what is often five or six days before they die. It is extended cruelty. Sometimes animals bite off their own legs to try to get out of the traps.

Animal welfare groups welcomed the decision. David Bowles, of the RSPCA's European office, said these traps mals, not kill them. "All kinds of animals, including pets.

### Security tight for trial of Muslims

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

THE trial of 34 Islamic fundamentalists opened in Paris yesterday amid heightened security and fears of terrorist attacks in the wake of last Tuesday's commuter train bombing which claimed a fourth life on Sunday night.

Those on trial, mostly French Muslims in their twen ries, were allegedly recruited by Islamic militants in a terrorist network aiming to overthrow King Hassan of Morocco and establish an Islamic state there.

The accused - second- or third-generation Algerian and Moroccan immigrants from the violent and poverty stricken inner-city suburbs of Paris, Orleans and Besancon — were recruited and trained by the banned Moroccan Islamic Youth Movement with support from Algerian fundamen-

talists, the prosecution said. The Algerian Armed Islamic Group (GIA), the most militant of the groups lighting to bring down the Frenchbacked Government of Algeria, ciaimed responsibility Îor last year's wave of terrorist bombings in France and police suspect that GIA exbomb, fashioned out of a 30lb gas canister packed with gun-powder and nails, that exploded on the crowded commuter train last week.

Two people were killed instantly, two later died in hospital and dozens of others were injured. The fourth victim was a 28-year-old Moroccan student who died from burns on Sunday night.

The GIA has not claimed formal responsibility for the attack, but Paris has sent a list of 15 suspected Islamic milltants to neighbouring European countries. Pasqua, France's outspoken former Interior Minister, has accused Britain, Belgium and Germany of granting secret immunity to terrorists in exchange for a promise that no terrorist actions will be

mounted in those countries. The men on trial were arrested in the massive security operation launched durbombing campaign. Only 21 appeared in court, the rest

Sensational Price

So it was yesterday in the

President Chirac. There have been 68 such summits, and in most the assumption has been that Germany was the patient. It has been variously too weak, too strong, gnawed by self-doubt or over-assertive. Yesterday in Nuremberg. neither France nor Germany could agree on who was being

trussed like turkeys.
The second is that the 3 per

make the target.

Germany, then, has a prob-lem, a psychological rather

than an economic one, and it makes honest dealing with France almost impossible. French sociologist Pierre

Bourdieu - who crystalised French fears in an attack on the Bundesbank last October - returned to the fray yesterday. Europe, he told Der Spiegel magazine, is in the grip of a neo-liberal monetar-ist cult whose high priest is Hans Tietmeyer, the head of the Burnderbeek Professor Bourdieu man-

aged to demonise Herr Tietmeyer as a mono-maniac, latter-day Mao and spiritual terrorist. This is more than jousting from the Left; France is coming close to paranoia about the Bundesbank.



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### Church bans Mickey Mouse weddings their married lives. More Disney World but also ex-Orlando forbade priests from FROM QUENTIN LETTS than 1,700 couples have used

IN NEW YORK ROMAN CATHOLIC priests

have been banned from taking weddings at the Disney World theme park in Florida after a ruling by the local bishop that such services "do not honour the dignity of the

sacrament of marriage". . In a move which may ignite debate about the use of non-religious sites for weddings, Bishop Norbert Dorsey of plastic, fairytale ambience just the thing for the start of

celebrating weddings at the "wedding pavilion" at the popular, if garish, Disney venue. His rolling was made some time ago but has only just come to light. The pavilion was built in

1994 and has proved popular with couples who consider the Disney backdrop, with its walking Mickey Mouse char-

the pavilion in the past year. British law was recently changed to allow marriage services to be conducted at non-religious sites. Couples may now wed at historic homes, at hotels, in the open air and at 200s, among other

The ruling by Mgr Dorsey

prevents not only priests under his immediate jurisdic-

tion from taking weddings at

tends to those from outside the Orlando diocese who would need his approval to take a service within it. The bishop's decision sits uncomfortably with the Dis-

ney company's traditions of wholesome family entertainment and American values. but a Disney spokesman said that the diocese appeared to be opposed to all weddings for Roman Catholics which were held outside churches.

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# Boost for ANC after new South African Constitution spurns federalism

FROM R. W. JOHNSON

THE final passage of the new South African Constitution through the Constitutional Court has been widely acclaimed here and all political parties, even the Inkatha Freedom Party and Democratic Party which objected to certain clauses, have accepted the legitimacy of the new document.

It will come into effect in 1999. with the country meanwhile rethe Interim Constitution negotiated

The crux of the objections to the new document lay in its strong centralising thrust. The court threw out an earlier version on the ground that it violated the agreed principle that the powers of the nine provinces should not be less than those granted in the Interim Constitution.

In effect the African National Congress has called the court's bluff and returned to it a draft which even the court's president,

Judge Arthur Chaskalson, admitted still reduced provincial powers. Nonetheless the court - in which the ANC has an overwhelming majority — balked at the thought of throwing the document back a second time and has bent the knee

to the ANC leadership.

This is a matter of no small moment. As foreign well-wishers have pointed out with increasing anxiety, there is no case in the world of a democratic state of South Africa's size and complexity

the only non-federal examples are

The Germans, in particular, felt so strongly on the matter that they have repeatedly flown all-party South African delegations over to Bonn to demonstrate the virtues of German federalism. None of this has worked, for the ANC identifies federalism with its political foes

and apartheid. The ANC chose the very day of the Constitution's certification to give a further display of just how centralist it is. In the past fortnight,

the ANC's inner Cabinet has had decided to remove another intervened to remove the popular Premier of the Free State, Patrick Lekota. He had won-almost unanimous backing from all races with his crusade against corruption, but this had created difficulties for him within the provincial ANC, several of whose leaders Mr Lekota had accused of corruption. The party announced that Mr Lekota and his opponents had been "redeployed" and then imposed a new Premier

without a vote. Yesterday it

emerged that the ANC executive

provincial Premier, Raymond Mhlaba, of the Eastern Cape, and President Mandela intervened to head off the possibility of an open contest for the premiership of the Northern Province. The country is being run by a

small, inner ANC elite whose members are attempting to make elective legitimacy and accountability subject to their whim. For this group, party interests come far ahead of any constitution.

South Africa, however, is a

areas, it is impossible to implement government measures. Accordingly, in the opposition-ruled prov-inces of KwaZulu/Natal and the Western Cape, both Premiers are quietly preparing the ground for greater federalism.

This may be how the new Constitution evolves — a giornously complex legal coda, ignored by the ANC elite who put party considerations first, and more stealthily ignored by provincial Premiers on the ground of practicality.

# Police find hoard of silver in homes of Indian leader

By Christopher Thomas and Our Foreign Staff

POLICE in India have seized protest against her detention. half a tonne of silver in raids on the homes of a leading woman politician, arrested for alleged fraud, a police lawyer "The police have recovered,

among other things, half a ton of silver and 66 to 38lb of gold," N. Natarajan told a court in Madras. The raids were conducted over two days at two homes of Jayaram Jayalalitha in southern Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh states. The lawyer said the seized bullion was worth 580 million rupees (£10.3 million). Mrs Jayalalitha, the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu,

was arrested on Saturday and sent to Madras central fail to await trial for alleged fraud in the purchase of thousands of colour televisions for 85 million rupees with state funds. The television sets were

supposed to have been given to poor villagers to provide community education and entertainment. She faces several other corruption charges. The politician, whose re-

gional party was an electoral ally of the Congress Party of P. V. Narasimha-Rao, the former Prime Minister, has denied any wrongdoing and accused the state government that succeeded hers of

More than 5,000 of her supporters were detained at violent against her arrest. One supporter set himself on fire to

and handed the regulation tin He died the following day. plate for meals and a jar for Mrs Jayalalitha spent several million pounds on the wed-Police continue to fawn over ding of the century last year for her foster son, blacking out her, however. A senior officer involved in her arrest was so nervous he fell while getting out of the police van and

parts of Tamil Nadu because the huge reception needed so much electricity. It was one of many excesses of her disastrous rule over 55 million people. There was rejoicing across the state yesterday at her public disgrace. Her bank accounts have

been frozen and her four houses attached by the courts while income tax authorities seek to recover £600,000 in unpaid taxes. She has been given a cell to herself in jail,

Jayalalitha emerging

from a prison van

Mr Rao's old friend, the "godman" Chandraswamy, has aiready had a spell in jail on fraud charges and looks likely to return for allegedly failing to declare the receipt of foreign donations to his religious organisation.

seriously injured himself. She

kept the officers waiting for

more than an hour while she

completed her morning pray-

ers at her Madras mansion

The arrest adds to a

lengthening list of the Indian

mighty who are fallen. Mr

Rao is fighting to stay out of

jail on a charge of participating in the forgery of docu-ments in 1989 to discredit V. P. Singh, then the Prime

Minister. He is free on bail of

and had breakfast.

Subramaniam Swamy, the former Law Minister, also faces arrest for allegedly fail-ing to declare donations from

Meanwhile, in Pakistan, Asif Zardari, the husband of Benazir Bhutto, ousted as Prime Minister on November 5 by presidential order, is in jail while police investigate nounced over the weekend that he would not contest the February 3 general election.



In Calcutta many of the poor have made their home under railway platforms. At least two of the railway dwellers are killed by trains every day

# Delhi's reforms widen rich-poor divide

CROWDS of beggars throng the pavements outside Calcutta's £200-anight, five-star hotels, sometimes setting up home there to pursue everyone who enters and leaves.

The rich-poor divide in India's most decrepit city is stark and unprecedented, a trend evident nationwide after five years of economic reforms.

A newly released report by the independent National Council of Applied Economic Research reveals the extent of the divide. It says that more than 100 million rural Indians, 16 percent of the total, live on less than three rupees (about five pence) a day -several times lower than the official

West Bengal, of which Calcutta is the capital, is said to be one of the poorest £54 annually, driving more and more people to the cities in search of a living. world's biggest slums, selling top-of- to number 200 million or even 300 india,—the most process. Rich areas of Calcutta such as Alipore, the-line foreign vehicles that can million. The absurdity of this figure. Orissa the poorest.

India's five-star hotels are full but millions live on five pence a day, Christopher Thomas writes from Calcutta.

Kabul: Taleban militias, con-

trolling three-quarters of Af-

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with mansions and tree-lined avenues, are generally kept clear of beggars as the rich increasingly clash with the

Hawkers have been part of the Calcutta scene for as long as anyone remembers, and hundreds of thousands of people directly and indirectly owe their livelihoods to them. The local authority has decided, however, that they are as much an affront to the city's new aspirations as rickshaw pullers, and both groups have been ordered off

in Calcutta alongside some of the

hardly find space on the city's hopeless ly crowded streets. The five-star hotels were mostly full last week and are booked for weeks ahead; the new air conditioned shopping centres are crowded, as are the many expensive new restaurants. There has never been such a demonstration of wealth in

Kipling's "city of darkest night". The middle classes are not part of the Indian economic bonanza, with most complaining that they are poorer than their parents. The myth of the Indian middle class was started by Rajiv! who put it at 100 million: it is now said

Taleban bans use of paper bags

for bags or put paper on the rubbish tip." He added: "People should use plastic

But plastic bags are more

expensive. Many women eke out a meagre living by turning

discarded paper into bags.
One trader said the Taleban

bags instead of paper."

has not been appreciated by some foreign investors, many of whom have over-estimated Indians' buying power. Most middle-class Indians do not

own a car, do not take holidays and cannot afford a washing machine nor. in many cases, even a refrigerator. In most of the blg cities only the rich can afford to buy property. Flats in central Bombay sell at around £600,000. A modest house in a decent area of Delhi costs E300,000, with prices still rising rapidly. These distortions are caused by the small number of newly rich indians, who increasingly wield political influence, squeezing the middle classes out of that traditional role.

The study concluded that 39 per cent of people in the countryside lived in poverty. The average income throughyear, with Punjab — the breadbasket of india — the most prosperous state, and

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# US bid to enforce labour rights sours world trade forum

BY TOM RHODES AND CHARLES BREMNER

A QUARREL over efforts to ensure human rights in the global workplace pitted Britain against the United States and France yesterday, souring the start of the first ministerial session of the World Trade Organisation.

The dispute over whether to include minimum labour standards in trade rules, a USbacked move that angers developing countries, was the first flare-up in a Singapore gathering where ministers from 128 nations are wrangling over a much-contested agenda to ease the world towards fully unfettered trade. Progress was made, howev-

er, in efforts to meet a February deadline for liberalising telecommunications and in a deal to eliminate tariffs on computers, software and communications products by 2000, billed as the highlight of the five-day meeting of the WTO, the successor to the General Agreement on Tarrifs and Trade. The American proposal was placed in jeopardy after European officials insisted any deal must be

linked to other trade issues. European officials have accused the US of balking at the inclusion of fibre-optic cables, capacitors, photocopiers and graphic display tubes on the list of items to be freed of tariffs. The four products represent \$13 billion (£8 billion) of the \$595 billion in information technology products exported last year.

Despite a signal from the US delegation that Washing-

ton is prepared to soften its, on both issues this week stance on trade and labour standards, many Asian countries among those attending have said the millennium deadline for the information Technology Agreement (ITA) would not give enough time for their domestic industries to prepare for foreign competi-tion. But the WTO ministers appeared committed to reach-

ing some form of agreement.
Goh Chok Tong, the Prime
Minister of Singapore, said an
agreement would be reached but not one that would include zero tariffs by 2000. Sir Leon Brittan, the European Trade Commissioner, and Charlene Barshefsky, the acting US Trade Representative, were meeting last night to iron out substantial differences.

Sir Leon, speaking before the meeting, said: "If we do not make substantial progress



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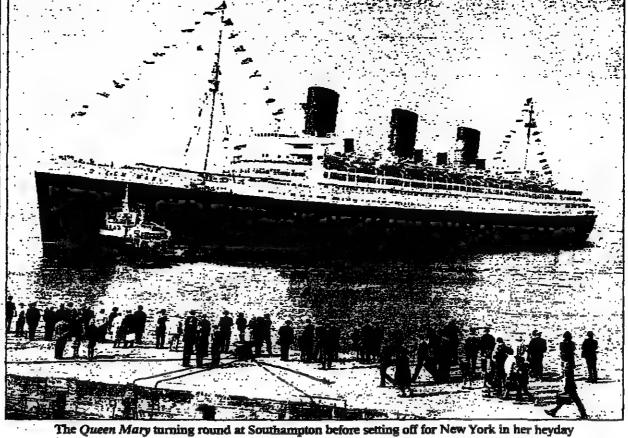
then our meeting will not be the big success we all want." Europe is concerned that if a technology deal is made without a strong political declaration on other issues, the meeting of the fledgeling WTO would be a disaster.

Ms Barshefsky haid said that she did not remotely accept any linkage between the ITA and a WTO ministerial declaration. She said removing tariffs would lower consumer costs, increase competition and help the motor car, textile and steel indus-tries. That is why we must reach an understanding.

Separately. Cuba used the first ministerial conference to accuse the US of violating the rules of the body with its 35year economic blockade of Havana and the implementation of the Helms-Burton law aimed at punishing foreign

investment in the island. The big gulf in Singapore divides the industrialised North against the developing South, over labour standards, plans to remove barriers to measures to end corruption in public contracts and the removal of tarrils on farm trade. But Sir Leon denied the Third World claim that labour standards were an attempt by the rich to keep out low-priced goods. "We do not have any protectionist intentions and we do not regard cheap labour as unfair trade," he said.

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# Japanese offer berth for Queen Mary

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGRLES

THE Queen Mary, one of the largest liners yet built, could weigh anchor for the first time in 30 years and head for Japan if talks in California bear fruit. Built between the wars to ply the Atlantic at a formida-ble 30 knots, the Queen Mary has been moored since 1967 in Long Beach harbour, south of Los Angeles, as a hotel, conference centre and slowly deteriorating tourist attraction.

Negotiations under way with a Japanese consortium to tow her nearly 6,000 miles across the Pacific "are going very well", Joseph Prevratil the ship's chief executive, said at the weekend. In her new life in Tokyo Bay, the Queen Mary would bedazzle visitors after a lavish \$50 million (£30.5 million) refit of her Art Deco lounges, restaurants and

But Mr Prevratil, who faces uproer from Long Beach Queen Mary enthusiasts if the ship leaves, said that the chances of the move happening were still only "50-50", not least because it would have to be ratified by the local city

"We will look closely at any deal struck with the Japanese and we would no doubt seek compensation for the loss of tourist dollars," a spokesman

for the council said. Although still a proud silhouette on the Californian horizon, the

her former self. Most of the liner's boilers and machinery were removed on her arrival in Long Beach to make way for a maritime museum that is still only half-complete.

Queen Mary is a shadow of

Hopes of a full refit were dashed when the Walt Disney Company scrapped plans to make the liner the centrepiece of an oceaniront theme park in

Contenders for the ship's lease included a British group from Southampton, her home which was led by Mr Prevratil, won the lease but has been able to afford only piecemeal renovations. As a result, the ship's six acres of teak decks remain in urgent need of repair.

port. A non-profit corporation,

Should the 81,000-ton liner find a permanent home in Tokyo, she would at least be nearer her sister ship, the Queen Elizabeth.

Both vessels enjoyed their proudest years as troop ships during the Second World War. but the Queen Elizabeth is now the most famous wreck to be found in Hong Kong's

House spokesman, is reported

to be anxious about the gulf

between the President and the

media. He is doing his best to

bridge it, offering homely

personal snippets, such as his

portrait of the President danc-

### Victory for Belgian minister

Brussels: The Belgian parliament was expected last night to drop proceedings against Elio Di Rupo, the deputy Prime Minister, over allega-tions that he had sex with an underage boy (Charles Bremner writes). A second, unspecified, case was left for further investigation. The vote was a near certainty after the country's highest court said it had found no grounds for pursuing the inquiry into the claims by a 22-year-old man that, as a teenager, he had had relations with Mr Di Rupo.

### UN authorises 'oil for food' deal

New York: The United Nations yesterday gave Iraq final permission to start selling limited quantities of oil for the first time since the Gulf War under an "oil-for-food" deal designed to alleviate the suffering of the Iraqi people (James Bone writes). The plan was finalised in May but delayed by Baghdad's inter-vention in fighting between Kurdish factions.

### Aunt tries to sell girl, 5, for \$24

Kissimmee, Florida: Jennifer Burroughs, 26, was charged with trying to sell her five-year-old niece for \$24 (£14.60) to a woman who found the girl sitting outside a bar. Christina Blair told police she had just noticed the child when a woman walked outside carrying a bottle of beer and said neither she nor the child had eaten for four days. (AP)

### Pupils chained for not studying

Dhaka: Police in Bangladesh arrested Saleh Ahmed, a headmaster, and Muhammad Waliullah, a teacher, for keeping 21 students at an Islamic religious school in Chittagong in chains and starving them for three days for failing to study. Neighbours reported

### Euthanasia law may be overruled

Canberra: The Australian House of Representatives overwhelming passed a Bill to override a Northern Territory law that permits doctor-assist-ed suicide for terminally ill patients. The Bill must be passed by the Senate before it can become law. (AP)

### Top crime > novelist is found dead in Chicago

FROM QUENTIN LETTS: IN NEW YORK

has been found dead in Chicago, swaying from a rope in what could have been a scene from one of his books.

The body of Nick Gaitano was hanging in full view from the 14th floor of a central Chicago skyscraper. Mr Gaitano, 43, whose real name was Eugene Izzi, was successful, married with two children, and appeared to be set for

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many years of prosperity. His death raised the sort of questions familiar to readers of his tough-but-true crime othrillers. Was it suicide? Why did he do it? Was the Mobone of his inspirations involved? From what was he

There was no sign of a struggle or indication of foul play, but Chicago police made a detailed search of the scene of his death and intend to examine closely the demise of the author who depicted the city's criminal underworld so

Mr Gaitano's books included Mr X; Jaded (published in Britain as Spent Force); Bullet from the Street, and Special

For the past decade he had written more than a book a year and his work acquired a cult following. At the time of his death he was at work on a book about the Mafia. The former soldier set his novels in the roughest parts of Chicago, there he lived.

# Clinton unleashes pit bull on scandal-hunters

AS President Clinton assem-bles his Cabinet and tries to set his agenda for the second term, murky allegations about Whitewater, the Paula Jones sexual harassment case and tainted Democratic : fundraising continue to swirt around him.

widely accused by the media of adopting a siege mentality and stonewalling inquiries.
The New York Times, which endorsed Mr Clinton in the election, headlined its editorial on November 20 "An instinct to deceive" and asked: "What will it take to persuade this White House to tell the truth simply and promptly once a

cover-up instinct" which "has

made a quagmire of White water and is turning the Indonesian fundraising affair into a matter that neither Congress nor the Attorney-General can ignore". Since Watergate, it has been

a favourite technique of the US media to focus on the cover-up reluctance of the White House to yield information may be ineptness or a justified wariness of the media, rather than an indication that it has something to hide. latest

hurled even by the President's supporters in the press, is that the White House is working behind the scenes to portray scandal is brewing?"
It accused the President of a the Whitewater investigation by Kenneth Starr as a Republican plot. James Carville,

A damaging gap is opening up between the stonewalling President and the media, Bronwen Maddox writes from Washington

and spin doctor, known as the talkshow host, said on Sunday ana roots, announced on television on November 24 that he was setting up a campaign to "inform" the public about Mr Starr's "right-wing agenda". Mr Carville claims to be

acting independently. White House spokesmen have derued that the President can rein in this freelance advocate, a claim greeted with scepticiam in many quarters. Indeed, Mary Matalin, who is Mr Carville's wife as well as

former White House strategist a Republican strategist and credulity to believe that the White House could not stop this rabid dog. He's not my husband when I speak of him as a frothing, rabid dog. He's clearly a front for the President. If anyone is close to obstruction of justice, it's the President of these United States whose pit bull is out

front' The row over Mr Carville's behaviour follows controversy the White House's President's talks with James Riady, the Indonesian billionaire, originally described as purely social, included discussion of trade policy. The White House has not been helped in handling these

cknowledgement that the

affairs by the departure of the President in the first term. In addition to Mr Carville, he is losing George Stephanopoulos, a senior adviser. Mark Gearan, former White House communications director, and probably also Harold Ickes, Deputy Chief of Staff. Mark Fabiani and Jane Sherbourne, both associate counsels who defended Mr Clinton in the Starr investigations through the past year, are also quitting. Michael McCurry, White

ing the macarena, a dance fad, on Air Force One at the the gap is unlikely to be closed, or The New York Times silenced. That is not to say that no scandal lies behind the White House denials, that the Paula Jones case will dissolve and foreign policy be shown to be

immune to foreign influence. But critics of the White House's handling of the scandal have not yet established that behind the stonewalling there is something to hide.

# **Palestinians storm** campus in Hebron

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

HUNDREDS of Palestinian students broke into the locked campus of Hebron University on the West Bank yesterday. defying a military order that shut the college in March.

The protest came as senior Israeli intelligence and defence officials claimed that Yassir Arafat's Palestinian Authority was striving to build up supplies of anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles in antici-

the Israeli and Palestinian authorities had struck a deal to allow the protesters to disperse quietly without intervention or arrests".

Musailam al-Daoudi, PLO negotiator, said the Israelis had agreed to permit the university of 1,500 students and the separate Polytechnic Institute of 1,000 students, shut at the same time, to reopen later this month.

Israel shut the colleges, regarded as hotbeds of Islamic extremism, during suicide bombings which left more then 60 people in Israel dead. Their continued closure has

An image similar to Edvard Munch's The Scream at a Belgrade protest against President Milosevic

# Right calls for Bosnia pullout

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

ONLY days after President Clinton named his foreign policy team, leading Republicans yesterday urged the White House to abandon its high-profile mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina and surrender peacekeeping responsi-bilities to Britain and Europe. John Kasich, chairman of

the House Budget Commit-tee, described America's planned 18-month extension of American troops in the Balkans as a "big mistake" and said he was working with a hi-partisan group in Congress to demand a withdrawal by next

"I am very concerned this could represent a permanent presence in Bosnia like we've

Congress opponents to "mishad in Korea. I think it would be a major mistake," said Mr Kasich. "We did our job over sion creep" in Bosnia. there. It's now up to the Euro-Dayton peace agreement, Washington agreed to dispeans to exercise real burdenpatch 20,000 troops to the sharing, and American forces ought to come home in a Balkans to provide security for implementation of the

timely manner in the spring." The growing body of oppo-sition on Capitol Hill to America's presence in the region is certain to dominate the early months of the new national security team's tenure. It will also be the first test of strength for William Cohen, the retiring Republican senator for Maine, who was named last week as Mr Clinton's Defence Secretary. In the past, Mr Cohen had been one of the most vociferous

cluding elections and the cre-ation of democratic institutions in Bosnia. Mr Clinton promised Congress the troops would be withdrawn by the end of this year. Shortly after his re-election, however, the President announced the deployment of 8,500 US soldiers to form part of a new international peacekeeping mission

Under the terms of the

truce's civilian elements, in-

pation of further clashes. After a stand-off in Hebron. where scores of paratroopers besieged the university, Israel radio reported last night that

been the source frustration among young Palestinians in

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Prince William's parents failed the neutrality test at his school carol service, says Guy Walters

# Why Eton parents should follow the rules or stay at home

attend school carol trying to mouth Ding Dong Merrily On High in front of your peers. At Eton, where your peers usually are peers, it can be a lot more excruciating. as Prince William found out on Sunday evening. His parents, not content with causing grief by their very presence. broke several other Etonian rules as well.

All parents - royal or otherwise — are on parade at Eton carol services. When I was there, my friends were ruthless in their descriptions of parents. Mothers were "yummy mummies" or "complete hounds", and if fathers did not display the requisite lack of chin or hair, the son was in for a tough time as his father was considered a spiv". (Fathers must also be either very fat or very thin).

I have much sympathy for Prince William, as I recall the pubescent Etonian tongue being a lot sharper than the pen of the tabloid hack. It is therefore helpful if parents appear as neutral as possible. If they must turn up to watch their son read the lesson (as

would do well to obey this. Neutrality is established in two ways: through clothes and cars. A long skirt and "old favourite" jacket for mother and chalk stripe and overcoat for father are ideal. Anything too flash and parents are "bloody nouvs", too shabby and they are "peasants". (The former is worse: Etonians are suspicious of parents who can afford both the school fees and Bond Street).

Getting the car right is easy and only costs between £25,000 and £40,000. Volvo. Audi and Mercedes Estates are neutral because there are so many of them at Eton. They are thus an ideal choice. Like clothes, cars should not be too flash, although the more discreet Aston Martins and Bentleys are passable. A real crime is for parents to park outside the chapel in a bog-standard British saloon car.

Oh dear, Prince William's parents appeared to break nearly every rule. His mother's clothes were too revealing for chapel; if it wasn't for the fact that she was the Princess of Wales, Prince William's friends would regard her dress sense — split skirt, ankle boots — as "a bit tarty" and "Eurotrash". They would definitely pencil her in as a "nouv". The Prince of Wales's attire, nowever, was as was his chin and hair.

The real disasters were the at school again? ... Gordons-



Diana, Princess of Wales, reveals her ignorance of Eton etiquette as she arrives to meet her son's housemaster

cars. Diana's BMW would confirm her Eurotrashiness but Prince Charles's Vauxhall Cavalier Estate was a huge social gaffe in front of Etonians: "Euurgh, Wili, your Dad drives a bloody accountant's car — it's just so middlemanagement. Where was he

toun? Where's that - the Midlands?" Nightmare. Neutrality of behaviour is even more important. It has to be remembered that just by turning up, parents will seem a bit "keen", which is anathe-

parents do not go to the Eton

persuade them otherwise. When your parents are sitting with you in chapel it is much harder to exchange offensive notes with friends, or grafitti hymnbooks. My parents came once - "We had to, Guy - you might have regretted us not coming in later life." I still blush when I remember my friends smirking at me, their faces saying, "Hadeehaha — he's with parents — let's make him laugh." I never told them when I read the lesson.

Thus, parents should sing extremely quietly, and affect a general adolescent reluctance. Mothers who enter into the descant in the middle of Once In Royal David's City will ensure their son being merci-lessly teased well into the Lent Half. Fathers should just mumble along without mov-ing their lips (which is how

they speak anyway).
Parents should never kneel for prayers — Etonians are proudly irreligious and merely slump more than they do during the sermon and lesson. Kneeling is keen, keen, keen and high on the embarrassment table. Fathers should always keep one hand in a

> 'Parents should never kneel during prayers'

trouser pocket during carols to hold a hymnbook in two hands is never done, too Aled Jonesy. The school has often tried - but never succeeded to stop the hand-in-pocket.

The final carol service hur-dle for Etonian parents is the housemaster's drinks party. Most housemasters are notoriously gauche and have an appalling idea of what consti-tutes a "drink". Sherry is sweet and wine is cheap, and sugar lumps mysteriously surface in liquids which aren't tea. Housemasters are useless at

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is overwhelmed by the flaring, sensuous intensity of Howard Hodgkin's world, on show at the Hayward Gallery

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introductions, so it's best for parents to do it themselves.

Again, the strict rule of neutrality applies. Mothers should not be seen talking to the Dame (matron) about ath-lete's foot or dhobi inch. This was the mistake my mother made. (In every other respect my parents were models of neutrality — they met my second housemaster only twice.) Fathers should have a conversation with the house-master that lasts three exchanges and includes the sentence "I'm airaid I found some magazines in his room".

Ideally, parents should talk to other parents - preferably to those to whom they are related by London postcode or blood - and they should leave after precisely half an hour. At least Prince William's parents got that right.

# A case for tea and sympathy

Stress counselling may not work for everyone, says Anjana Ahuja

ssion is never far behind. However, according to a m the British Medical Journal, talking victims through their ordeal may do more harm than good. that, for some people, tea and sympathy might be more effective than psychological debriefing.

The survey, carried out by doctors in two Oxford hospitals, looked at more than 100 people involved in road accidents. Such inci-dents, even when relatively minor, are known to be extremely distressing one in four people shows psychiatric problems withn a year of the accident. with many developing a phobia of car travel. This latest survey set out to discover whether a single hour-long debriefing ses-sion would help to combat psychological trauma.

106 victims admitted to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford after road accidents, who were already showing psychological symptoms such as crying or numbness. Of these, 54 were debriefed by psycho-therapists from the nearby Warneford Hospital within 48 hours of the accident. The victim was encouraged to relive the accident and express emotion. The re-maining 52 did not under-go debriefing. Four months later, the

subjects were traced, inter-viewed and asked to compiete questionmaires. Surprisingly, neither group showed any reduction in post-traumatic symptoms such as mood disorder.

However, several disturbing trends emerged. The subjects who had unthose left to cope by

Michael Hobbs, a consultant psychotherapist at Warneford Hospital, says: "We are beginning to think that counselling and debriefing might work better for some than for others.

"Debriefing is designed to get behind people's defences. That's all right for those who want to cry and let go of their fear and anger. For others, it can be unhelpful and even damaging. Debriefing can push them into talking when they wouldn't normally do it, possibly interfering with

the person's own psychological defences. In fact, although we joke about it, tea and sympathy might be more appropriate."

Dr Hobbs says that the nature of the debricking is intervention might be too early, too generalised and incident. He urges more research into debriefing and counselling, and more most at risk from post-

The study is the latest of many over the past few years to question the practice. One important review, published in the BMJ last year, pointed out that although debriefing after

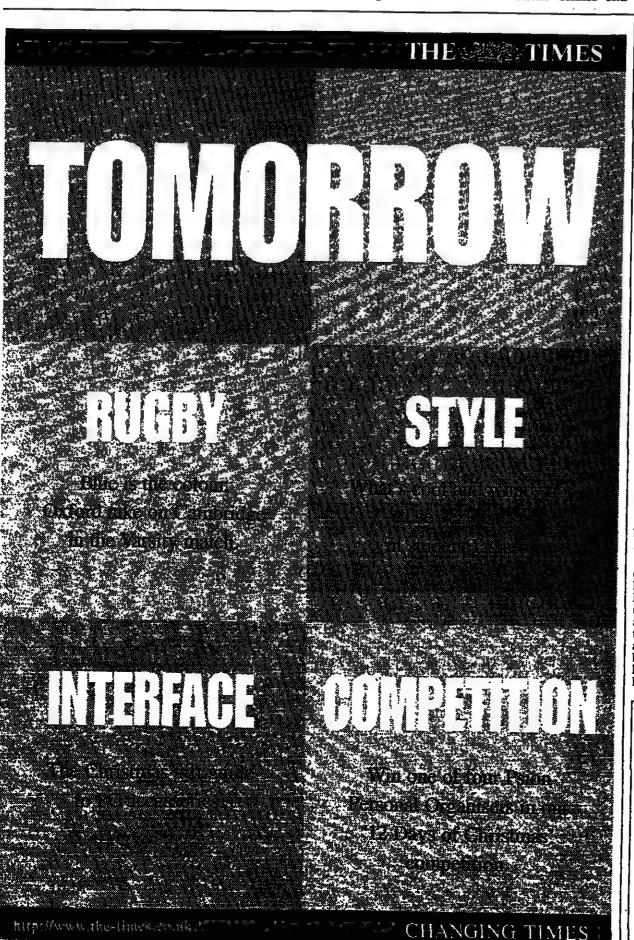


ment", there had been no definitive proof that it left people better off, even if those valued the opportunity to talk. The paper, by Professor Beverley Rapha-el, a psychiatrist at the Australia, cited studies on firefighters, earthquake rescue workers and Gulf

Dr Hubbs points out that psychological debriefing was originally developed for military personnel and emergency workers. "If people have been through a harrowing incident together they can support each other. But this is very different from treating an individual;" he says.

has become so pop ular, both Professor Raphael and Dr Hobbs cite feelings of helplessness. "I remember feeling so help-less after Hillsborough. Your instinct is to do something," Dr Hobbs says.

"But to go rushing in where people have been shocked and disorientated can be very destabilising. We must stop and think. There is a conviction by the debriefing movement that counselling is a good thing for everyone, and I think that is very dangerous."



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# Edward, Mrs Simpson and The Times

The Times played a vital role in the Abdication 60 years ago. And history has vindicated our verdict, says Alan Hamilton

October 27, 1936 had the headline writers of America reaching for their pithiest pens to flag up the hottest human interest story of the year. King's Moll Reno'd In Wolsey's Home Town, trumpeted one paper, in a reference to the builder of Hampton Court and the small town in Nevada whose principal industry was the speedy uncoupling of unwanted marriages.

British newspapers, by contrast, reported the hearing in the briefest and most colourless of terms, studiously avoiding any clue to the identity of the petitioner, Mrs Wallis Warfield Simpson. The Times gave it four blandly factual paragraphs, under the majestically soporific headline Un-defended Divorce Suit. Case At Ipswich Assizes. The News Chronicle, alone among the next day's papers, sketched in the barest detail that the lady had been well known in social circles in London for several years".

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In an age of journalistic deference to the private lives of royalty, the British public was kept in blissful ignorance of their Sovereign's attachment to a divorced American. In contrast to a later age in which the Daily Mirror gleefully published pictures of a topless Duchess of York having her toes sucked, the popular press of the 1930s shrank even from printing pictures of the King in shorts and Wallis in bathing costume on a Mediterranean cruise. Fleet Street and ciubland knew all about the liaison, of course, but then

they always do. The divorce hearing at Ips-wich might well have been the cue to lift the veil on a story which had been running for weeks in the United States and in continental Europe. But the week before the case the King had contacted Lord Beaverthe Daily Express, asking if the hearing could be kept out of the papers; his reason, he said. was purely to save Mrs Simpson from any unpleasantness.

In an age before spindoctors, King Edward's informal request was the only occasion during the entire Abdication crisis on which there was any attempt by the Crown to influence press coverage or to throw a blanket over events. Geoffrey Dawson. the Editor of The Times, talked to Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, almost daily, and was fully aware of what was going on. But, according to Dawson's own account, Baldwin neither put pressure on him nor told him any secrets. Beaverbrook called a meeting of other proprietors and secured their agreement to discretion over the divorce.

awson had his reasons for holding The Times's fire, Like all other editors, he could not know at that stage whether the King intended to marry Mrs Simpson, and he high-mindedly took the view that any press comment would merely cloud the King's judgment. Dawson was also much influenced by a letter from a reader in the US who complained of the "poisonous publicity attending the King's friendship with Mrs Simpson", which was appearing in the American press, and which was likely to deal severe damage to British prestige. The writer hinted that abdication was the only course that

from becoming lasting. The Times discovered in mid-November that the King did indeed intend to marry Mrs Simpson, But Editor and Prime Minister were in agreement that any publicity would merely harden the King's resolve and turn probability into certainty. Baldwin also appears to have felt that any press

could prevent a passing evil

n undefended di-vorce petition at Ips-wich Assizes on King. The press maintained its

Yet small coded hims began to leak into the columns of The Times. A report of a visit by the Duke of York (later George VI) to Edinburgh unnecessarily but pointedly referred to him as the heir presumptive. A leader purporting to be about the essential unity of the House of Commons professed it would "be able to demonstrate its solid strength in any crisis that may arise, whether foreign or domestic".

The Times well understood

that what was now in question was the supremacy of Parliament over the monarch. If the King wished to retain his throne and marry Mrs Simpson against the advice of his elected ministers, that essential principle of constitutional monarchy was being

uch a story could not be withheld much longer. The spark that lit the fuse came in the end not from London but from Yorkshire. The Bishop of Bradford, addressing an audience of clergy at a diocesan conference, expressed the hope that the King was aware of his need for God's grace at his forthcoming Coronation, and added the wish that he gave more positive signs of this

Bishop Blunt's intention was to chide his monarch for a poor attendance record at church, but he reckoned without the Yorkshire Post, whose Editor Arthur Mann had been in London a few days before, had met Dawson and had been briefed by him on the King's position. To its report of the bishop's speech on December 1, the Post added a leader, referring to American ru-mours about the King, and

of the bag.
The King had expected a critical barrage from the press, but he feared The Times most. Hearing that the paper was preparing an unfriendly leader, he summoned Baldwin and told him to get it stopped. Baldwin pointed out that it was a free country in which the Prime Minister had no control over The Times or any other newspaper. But he agreed to ring the paper and down the phone. The Times declined, but sent round a proof that night, long after the esses had begun to roll. When the leader appeared



on the marning of December 4, it was as the King had feared. Mrs Simpson was not mentioned by name, but it. spoke of 'a marriage incompatible with the throne" and ended with the conviction that the institution of monarchy was greater than the individ ual. In any trial of strength between King and Government, there was no doubt on which side The Times stood.

Dawson fired another salvo the next day, writing of the insuperable objection to the proposed marriage. The lady had two former husbands living; that she was a commoner or an American was irrelevant. The King, as Duke of Windsor, wrote in his memoirs: "As the heat of the



THE TIMES FRIDAY DECEMBER 11 1936 . Parliament ABDICATION OF KING EDWARD VIII FINAL APPEAL BY THE CABINET PRIME MINISTER'S STORY OF THE CRISIS "LET US RALLY BEHIND THE NEW

How The Times reported the Abdication 60 years ago



The Duke and Duchess of Windsor in Bermuda in 1940 after their marriage, which The Times described as "incompatible with the throne"; Wallis Simpson four years earlier

controversy rose, The Times particularly struck with a direciness that was strangely at variance with the suave discretion that stamped its habitual reference to the King."

The attack was sustained over the following days. Demolishing the idea of a morganatic marriage, the paper said bluntly. The constitution is to be amended in order that (Mrs Simpson) may carry in solitary prominence the brand of unfitness for the Queen's

'Let us have no talk of romance about what is indeed a drama, but a drama of the deepest tragedy' GEOFFREY DAWSON

throne." That particularly wounded the King, who wrote later of "the fluent and pitiless pen of Geoffrey Dawson" and complained: "Once again, The Thunderer turned its wrath against the woman of my

At The Times office, staff were sifting through the largest avalanche of readers' letters in the paper's history, a postbag that has been equalled since only by the Falklands conflict and the Thatcher resignation. As the crisis progressed, opinion was seen to swing markedly away from the King and in Baldwin's favour. None was pubhished, but their tone convinced Dawson of the rightness of his approach.

Most, but not all, of the national and provincial press shared Dawson's view. The pro-King papers were the Daily Express and Daily Mail, which offered some support

appealed at least for a delay. and even a referendum. Beaverbrook subsequently accused Dawson of playing the part of a ruthless and unscrupulous character assassin, and of being the man chiefly responsible for driving the

monarch from his throne.

Even as the instrument of abdication was being signed, on December 10. Dawson maintained the attack, determined that there should be no lingering affection for a King over the water. "Above all let us have no talk of 'romance' about what is indeed a drama. but a drama of the deepest tragedy." The Times said that day, adding an attack on the King's unworthy friends "who cared less for his welfare than for their own amusement".

Summing up, Dawson wrote: "The real clash was between the thoughtlessness of an exotic society and the hard core of a British tradition of conduct which is common to all classes in this country." His final, memorable, condemnation was of faint praise: "King Edward had most of the qualities that would have made a great constitutional

was Dawson's final shot on the matter, but the last word was Beawerbrook's, writing in his memoirs of that final Times leader: "It professed to be an impartial summing-im of the King's character, but it was couched in such terms as might be expected from a magistrate speaking to an incorrigble criminal in the dock. Under the veneer of smooth language, it was a biting and blistering piece of

invective. The hindsight of history must give the contest to Dawson rather than Beaverbrook, although the notion that The Times alone was the engine that drove the Abdication is flattering but fanciful.

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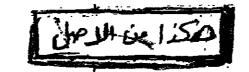




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# Labour's virtual university

Gerald Holtham fleshes out

Gordon Brown's training plan

n 1981, the United King-dom was the second richest country in the world in terms of output per head. Now we rank 16th. As Hong Kong and Singapore pass us, national introspection about our prolonged relative economic decline intensifies. It is not masked by empty triumphal-ism about being the enterprise capital of Europe.

A consensus begins to nerge about why Britain has slid so persistently down the relative prosperity league. The finger of suspicion is pointing at education and training. British business in the postwar era tried and failed to achieve the scale economies of the Americans, and largely neglected the German priority of developing and making skill-intensive products.

International comparative studies suggest a reason for this failure. British children in the main are less well educatabroad. The élite are fully competitive, but the average is dragged down by a long tail of underachievement. And we are particularly weak in maths and quantitative skills that are the basis for much technical

The problem is given a new topicality by econo-mic globalisation. as footloose capital now scans the world looking for the most favourable production conditions. An educated workforce and concentrations of technical skills

are crucial to the

task of attracting

business. Britain can point to such concentrations in the areas of pharmaceutical research and production and provision of financial services. but in disturbingly few others.

An agreed priority is to raise the skill level of the workforce, but what can public policy do apart from the long essential slog of improving state education? One solution, called for by Gordon Brown, is a "University for Industry" - but what does this mean in a market economy in the techno-

logical age? A key point about the market economy is that the myriad transactions of individuals carmot be directed or even accurately predicted by government. Similarly, an oldfashioned dirigiste approach. attempting to forecast training requirements, risks being misdirected and wasteful.

Something else is needed a catalyst that causes a nascent market to develop faster than it otherwise would. To do this, the Government must set up an agency to register and catalogue providers of courses, Would-be learners could access the catalogue via the telephone or the Internet. The agency would create a network into which firms and individuals could plug, and many of the courses could be provided online for distance learning. The agency would be a training broker and market maker. It would retail the products of other suppliers, in

effect guaranteeing quality. Not all courses can be followed by people at home or at work without human intervention, guidance or, in the So the University for Industry centres. These could be local colleges, libraries or companies, which would not necessarily provide their own course materials, but might provide access to the network. The University for Industry

would be a virtual institution, brokering courses and franchising learning centres. It should persuade providers to make their courses as modular as possible and to recognise each other's course credits. That would enable the individual learner to assemble his or her own qualification, the one most relevant to his needs, by completing modules drawn from different suppliers.

Such a flexible structure should enable suppliers of courses and education services petitive market. And the learners would indicate to the suppliers what is needed,

without elaborate guesswork.
Some will wonder whether
this would not all happen
spontaneously without the
need for any public agency.
The answer is that it surely will, but far too slowly. This very great fixed costs

ecale economies. Devising and The agency preparing a course brogrammjug would it so that it can be truly and usefully interactive with a learner is expensive. training Creating a good CD-Rom for a simnetwork ple basic literacy courses, for example, can easily cost more than

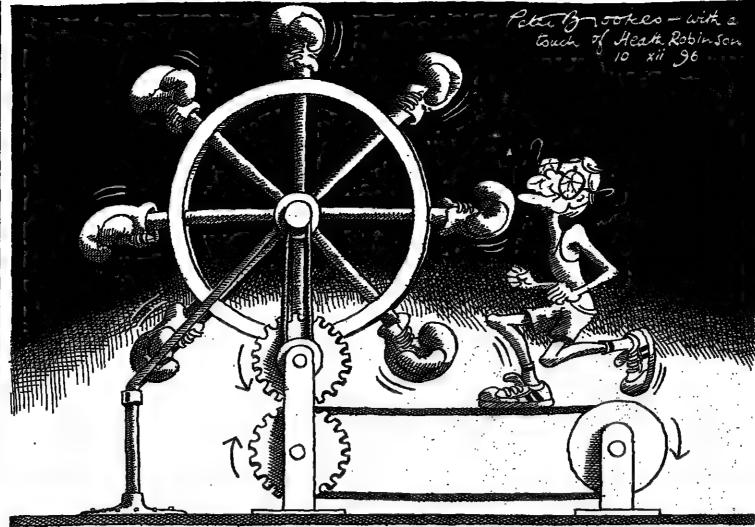
£500,000. Higher-level courses are more expensive still. uch fixed costs make courses extremely expensive if the market is small. And it is kept small by

the high prices charged to cover their development costs. Something is needed to break out of this circle to a higher scale, where educational institutions and multimedia companies are prepared to make large investments in the knowledge that a big market exists. There would be start-up costs in the tens of millions, but the agency should be self-financing within a few years.

By "forcing" the market and accelerating its development, the Government would help the training industry to create more and better resources for distance learning. Just as the National Health Service helped to foster a successful pharmaceuticals company, the University for Industry could foster an internationally

successful training industry.
The University for Industry. is of course a misnomer. The virtual institution I describe will not provide training at university level alone, but across the skill range, and it will not be of benefit just to industry. But it is a template for the new kind of government intervention that achieves national or social objectives by working with the grain of the market, not across it.

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'The weak are a long time in politics...' (Neil Shand)

# Books before archives

Tom Stoppard's letters from Felicity Kendal are lost to the nation forever! The dastardly Americans have bought his literary archive, and on some temperaturecontrolled shelf in Austin, Texas, lie also such precious documents as a photocopy of his divorce certificate and his invitation to the wedding of

Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones.
As if this were not bad enough, nearby are the papers of David Hare and Penelope Lively: over in Indiana they have got the dog-sared memora-bilia of Malcolm Bradbury, and Peter Ackroyd's are at Yale. Never mind that these writers are all still at it, daily generating yet more literary treasures as they make lunch dates play noughts and crosses with Alan Bennett, scribble wisdoms on papernapkins at the Whitbread, fax their agents and toss duff bits of dialogue into the pig-bin. There will always be eager Americans to exchange it all for

more dollars. There is nothing new about literary urchive collecting: it is a bizarre hybrid of hero worship and train-spotting, and was bound to get out of control in an age besotted by celebrity and gossip. Indeed, it is nice to know that broke poets in particular, provided they remember never to throw anything away and eschew e-mail, have a sporting chance of eking out their meagre finances by flogging tatty box-files. Good luck to them. However, the examples above come from a Sunday newspaper which gave them the perfectly serious head-line "Scandal of Britain's Lost Literary Archives". Its outrage is supported by the British Library manuscripts section which plans a "fightback". Sally Brown, who is in charge of it, says: "I rather fear that we will have to change tactics in the near future and become slightly more aggressive." The newspaper's dismay is that scholars wishing to research the lives of British writers might have to go to Texas. Or, I suppose, get on the Internet and dial up www. indiana.bradbury.malc:dryclean/tkt. Grim, eh? Talk about national humiliation. No wonder Trafalgar Square is full of distraught protesters with banners demanding that we break off diplomatic relations with the US unless the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Centre, Texas, sends back the bit of paper on which David Hare jotted down an account

of a meeting at Harold and Antonia's place to talk about the evils of That-

What do we care if the laundry-lists of the literati are sold to Texas?

cherism. If this does not become a major electoral issue, then what sort of a nation are we?

I will tell you: we are a grown-up nation, a wise little, old little island which, thank God, still has sense enough to take the money, laugh up its sleeve and reserve its revenence for actual books, not snippets of junk fit only to be cobbled up into tedious PhD theses by students who would serve humanity better by getting an

honest job on the bins.

Milton said it all, in Areopagitica: "A good book is the precious life-blood of a master spirit, embalmed and trea-

sured up on purpose to a life beyond Note the words "on purpose". Picking up clues is a fit occupation for detectives, doctors or psychiatrists, but the literary critic and the general reader need

not bother with the offcuts. Here is the work itself: embalmed, perfected, treasured up on purpose. A proper writer refines and edits: the first creative flush may happen as quickly as the writing of a hasty letter or scribbling of a note. After that comes the real work of going back and back again to the words on the page to make sure that they convey exactly what is intended; or as nearly as

When that is done the work goes to the printer's, and from that momenton, the really precious bit is also the cheapest. The joyful paradox of literacy is that the general reader. not the curator of manuscripts, gets the best deal. Milton and Auden. Shakespeare and Stoppard, Jane Austen and Graham Greene can communicate directly with anyone, anywhere, anytime. Whether the reader is a 14-year-old alone in a school library because she has fallen out with her friends, a dying hospital patient or a weary commuter on a stuck train outside Chelmsford, the page makes available the essence of another mind, the life-blood of the master spirit. If you have the blood, why bother with the ear-wax and the stuff from beneath the fingernails?

Literary biographers and anti-ologists will castigate me, but I do not care. What they do is often amusing and occasionally valuable, but nowhere near as valuable as the work of their subjects. A romp through the letters of Nancy Mitford and Evelyn Waugh is good enough fun, but pallid compared to the sharp, astringent, perfect little worlds of their novels. The recent publication of T.S. Eliot's juvenile scatalogical poems makes no difference whatever to the emotions raised by a quiet, melancholy reading of The Love

Song of J. Alfred Prufrock". Nor. o much care whether the poet ever did wear the bottoms of his trousers rolled; nor, a university, do I care which nation owns the actual fluff from his turn-ups if Literary scholars

and detectives must remember how desperately transient and unimportant their work is, next to the work of the artists they study. I gather that last week somebody proved" (to his own satisfaction) that Henry James had a homosexual affair. So what? I know everything I need to know about Henry James from reading Portrait of a Lady at an impressionable age, and rushing in delirium to the library to get out every other published word of his I could. The rest is a private matter between myself, as reader, and Henry James.

lographical gossip, in any case, only hangs about in the emptiest heads. Four of us tried and failed yesterday morning to remember what it was that was lately "revealed" about Thomas Hardy. All of us, however, were ready to shed a tear for the Mayor of Casterbridge, to go into a verse of "The Darkling Thrush" and to murmur into imaginary wood-land: "No, I never shall forget Thee my love, for you was a good man, and did good things."

Even the picture in the outraged newspaper of Sally Brown of the British Library holding up a Stephen

Spender manuscript failed to move me; though he is a poet who took me through the worst years of youth. As he put it, I think continually of those who were truly great not of their letters to each other, dance-cards, or even their first drafts. Literature is not politics or even history: it is a unique, precious form of commu-nication beyond the grave and down the centuries.

Why argue the point? Well, I suppose that even the most tedious or prurient produces literary re-search is fairly harmless; margin-ally more useful than taking down the numbers of locomotives, if not quite as important to cultural history as making a really decent catalogue of beermats. The only reason it is worth jeering at is that as usual, public money has entered the arena, and money is implicitly being asked to by those who would rather Malcolm Bradbury's old school reports were in Britain rather than publicly available to scholars in a perfectly safe, responsible American university. No! That money, if there is money, is direly needed in the real

service of literature and of reading.

Do you know what the Budget meant to public libraries? The Bookseller magazine last week surveyed local authorities and found, to nobody's surprise, a general view that public and school libraries, once again, will be, as one borough spokesman put it, "a savings target". All were agreed that libraries are an easy, therefore an inevitable, economy. Opening hours have already been badly squeezed - which tends to kill the library-visiting habit - and the only thing left to cut is book-buying. The Heritage department has announced a business partnership "Challenge" funding scheme - but for the buildings, not the books. Meanwhile in some areas, libraries themselves spend disproportionate amounts of the little money they have on services other

than printed books. So if there is money to be spent by this greatest of literary nations, then for heaven's sake forget the laundry-lists and spend it on the libraries. Why not photocopy Spender's notebook, let the Americans have the original for a few million, and fund some school libraries? The real miracle of reading is a simple daily one the relationship between the lone browsing reader and the book, picked up by accident, which changes a life.

# Major, Blair and Basildon

The Tories need

Sun readers, says

Woodrow Wyatt

7 ith far the largest daily circulation in the country. The Sun is also the most powerful newspaper politically. It can be crudely sensational, prurient and muckraking in its search for greater sales. But, underliably, it is in tune with a huge mass of opinion, including that of intelligent intellectuals. Its brief leading articles, written with the short words favoured by Shakespeare, are the best and most compelling in British journalism. The Sun bubbles with entertaining ideas. Yesterday it published a MORI poll commissioned to study the current attitude of "Essex man", whose habitat is Basildon, in April 1992, the Tories won it with 44.9 per cent against 42.4 per cent for Labour and 12.9 per cent for the Liberal

The Sun's poll showed Toxy sup-port down to 24 per cent and Labour's up to 61 per cent — a colossal swing which, if it occurs in Basildon in the 1997 election and is matched elsewhere, would reduce the Tories to around 100 seats. But when the Basildon voters were asked by MORI whether Britain should join the single currency, 64 per cent were against and only 20 per cent were in favour. Answering a question about whether the EU should continue to move rowards political and monetary union, 69 per cent were against and a mere 15 per cent were in favour. And 68 per cent (against 15 per cent) wanted Britain to persuade the EU again to become a common market of independent trading nations. Falling this, the Basildon voters, by a majority of more than 2-1, opted to leave the EU altogether.

ow strange. By voting for Biair, Basildon would get the exact opposite of what it wants in Europe. Mr Blair thinks the British interests he promises to fight for mean Britain becoming ever more communatative, increasingly accept-ing majority voting and driving towards the single currency and political union, which would land us in a federal state. How could Basildon be so wrong? Because, when asked what were the most important issues, only 19 per cent considered Europe important — it came ninth, way below health, education, unemployment, law and order and so forth. Even care for the environment, a neutral subject on which all are agreed, was ahead.

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory chair-man, told listeners to yesterday's BBC Today programme that the election will be fought on issues other than Europe, identifying himself with the Basildon apathy towards what on Sunday John Major called the most important issue of the century. The Sun thinks it is too. But most of the mass media portray the internecine warfare in the Tory party as its most newsworthy aspect. At C least the Tories are arguing about the issue, while Gauleiter Blair has banned Labour MPs from doing so. on pain of severe retribution. He knows the divisions over Europe within his ranks are far more acute. whereas the great majority of Tory MPs back Mr Major's approach. which is akin to Basildon's.

n his Sunday interview with John Humphrys, Mr Major resem-bled President Roosevelt in one of his famous fireside chats. He was totally frank, taking the nation into his confidence. He was adamant that if the conditions for entry into the single currency were shown to be fudged, he would use the veto to halt the proceedings. Meanwhile, under the opt-out he won at Maastricht, it would be folly to declare against the single currency prematurely, because our EU partners, in the hope of tempting us into it, are much more likely to offer concessions which would render it as harmless as possible to Britain and Europe if we are not in it. It is childish to think that if other major nations were in a single currency it would have no impact on

us outside it. As usual, The Sun's commentators yesterday were on the ball in recognising that in the poker-type diplomacy Mr Major is playing, one does not disclose one's hand until is it necessary. But how are we to wake Basildon to the imminent danger of losing all our sovereignty, control of our economy, and other purely domestic matters such as immigration and border controls, and a myriad of freedoms to act as we wish, just as we have for a thousand years? A fashionable view expounded here by Matthew Parris yesterday is that the Tories, ashamed of their shabby dismissal of Margaret Thatcher, subconsciously want to lose the 1997 election as a penance. This is carrying amateur psychiatry too far. Baroness Thatcher wants no such penitential suicide. She is desperare for a Conservative victory. alert to the catastrophe which would befall us in Europe if Mr Blair won. I hope The Sun will employ its great gift of simplifying complicated issues so that its readers, and the country. will stop sleepwalking to disaster. And that the Tories will stop attacking each other and start destroying the paper-thin camouflage concealing Mr Blair and Mr Ashdown. They must trust John Major, whose states-

manship is increasingly respected

# Puppy love

WILTSHIRE'S horsey fraternity is ly permitted to shoot dogs that worin a muck-sweat after a young puppy from the Wilton Hunt was killed by the gardener on a farm belonging to the Prince of Wales's close friend and former equerry, Major Patrick Tabor.

The puppy, called Galaxy, was in the care of a neighbour, Lady Cobham, when it ran off in her absence to Major Tabor's farm. Galaxy started chasing chickens and came across the gardener.

Lady Cobham, who is married to Sir Michael Cobham and unconnected with David Mellor, is distraught, but has decided not to launch an inquiry, even though she is Master of the Wilton. "It was an accident. I was very cross about it at the time, certainly very upset." she said yesterday.

"Paddy Tabor himself did not do it, it was his gardener," she added. The Tabors have got these little hens — white silkies — which the puppy started to worry. I don't think it actually killed any of

Major Tabor's phone number is ex-directory and he could not be contacted through Buckingham

ry livestock. Poor Galaxy's treatment, however, sounds extreme.

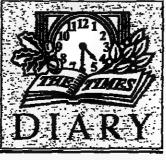
### **Downside**

THE smooth-running political machine that is Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party has hit a patch of black ice. The party's Christmas cards, of which there are said to be 300,000, have had to

be pulped. The cards are designed to warm the cockles of the billionaire's followers. They carry an ugly cartoon of Jacques "Sancerre" Santer, President of the European Commission, handing out bombshells from Europe. Underneath is written "Santer's Clause".

But inside, Sir James's signature was printed upside down - an unacceptable blunder for a perfectionist such as Sir James, who has ordered the lot to be reprinted.

Snap happy PARIS loves its poodles, but when



imposed a £900 fine on a young woman whose pit-bull's bark scared a man so badly that he took 10 days' sick leave under doctor's orders. "I was very, very fright-ened," he wailed. "I've never been through anything like this before, not even in the war in Algeria."

The incident occurred in Montmartre in August 1995, when the chap was taking his bicycle into his apartment building. The dog, unleashed and boisterous, ran up and started barking a few yards away. Rather than report the incident. he wrote to the local mayor to com-

plain of Montmartre's dogs and their pavement deposits. He mentioned the pit-bull incident to the mayor, who tracked down the dog and ensured that the owner was

For television viewers in the

ties, Breakfast with Frost proved quite an eyeful on Sunday morning. During an interview with Mary Robinson, President of Ireland, the cable company had technical problems. An adult section of a movie starring Bruce Willis appeared on the screens - all sweat and flesh, and far too much for that time of the morning.

### A card

THE ROYAL FAMILY'S choice of Christmas card this year, featuring wood-engravings of the Nativity and the Epiphany from The Four Gospels by the wayward artist Eric Gill, is provoking some thought. The illustration was chosen from one of the Royal Collection's 90,000 printed books.

While his artistic importance is not disputed, Gill's family life was



unusual to say the least, including as it did incest with two of his daughters and his sister. A resumé on the card, however, describes him in glowing terms as "bearded", "twinkling", and "deeply religious".

FOR THE true state of British af-

### Who's who

fairs, I commend to you Dr Jona-than Miller's The Mikado, which returned to the London Coliseum last night. Listen out for Ko-Ko's Little List of society's offenders sung by Richard Stuart: "There's the Kensington and Chelsea Tory man who has been beat / Not only is he Nicholas, he's also lost his seat ... / And that singular anomaly, the Eurotunnelist / With the fires that persist, Jamais will they be missed / There's that dear Princess who's richer now by 17 million pounds / The regal Divorcist - her mother's been quite pi . . . / And that Duchess whose financial acumen has known no bounds / The big-toe fetishist — her chat shows won't be missed."

 Ever one for discretion. Madonna has planned a modest visit to Rome next week. She has booked an entire floor at the Hassler Hotel at the top of the Spanish Steps.



Rock follies: Madonna

Evita. One suite for herself, one for her baby girl, Lourdes (whom she hopes the Pope will bless), and one for Melanie Griffiths and Antonio Banderas. Twenty bodyguards are arriving to protect the star on the day she has allocated for interviews with journalists. "Journalists will be allocated three minutes each," snaps one of her entourage,



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### TRADED AWAY

The World Trade Organisation's troubled birthday party

Governments attending the first ministerial sounded like the cry of a canary in an airless meeting of the two-year-old World Trade mine. Within the European Union, Britain is Organisation (WTO) in Singapore this week have much to congratulate themselves about. The Western recession of the 1990s has been singular in one cheering respectinstead of faltering under the protectionist pressures which are fiercest when growth falters, the boom in world trade that began a decade ago has continued, outstripping growth in the global economy. Since trade increases prosperity both by cutting the cost of things people buy and by stimulating efficiency in national economies, that is good news for today's unemployed as well as the workers who have benefited directly.

Trade's robust performance does not mean that protectionist lobbies have gone out of business; far from it. But the new rules which governments finally brought themselves to sign when they concluded the longrunning Uruguay Round in 1994 have left them with less legal leeway for giving way to protectionists, even when they want to do so. The deal achieved more than any previous trade negotiation, not only cutting tariffs in manufactures to less than 4 per cent in rich countries but making a start on freeing trade in agriculture and services.

With the creation of the WTO to succeed the old General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt), governments also agreed on new, tougher, rules for settling trade disputes and forcing delinquents to comply with decisions that go against them. So far, these have been working well. Best of all, poor countries which used to deride free trade as neo-imperialism have been converted to the truth that all nations stand to win when they open their markets. In 1986, Gait had around 90 members; now the WTO has 126 and 30 more are knocking at the door.

Instead of building on success in Singapore, however, governments are behaving like party-poopers. Sir Leon Brittan's call for a fresh "Millennium Round" to carry the free trade banner into the next century

almost his only backer; there is even less enthusiasm elsewhere. Almost every agenda item is deadlocked. An important financial services deal has been stalled since last May by a last-minute American walk out. The EU is holding up an Information Technology Agreement which would help businesses the world over by making computers and communications cheaper. Still more ominous are the signs that the WIO is succombing to the politicisation from which Gatt was creditably and unusually free.

The WTO can work only if it is seen to be a rule-based organisation. China - which is now the world's eleventh-largest exporter is demanding to join the club but insists that, uniquely for a country of its size and importance, it should be excused from abiding by most of its rules. No, says Washington, and rightly; perhaps, says the EU, as it eyes the lucrative Chinese contracts. This is a test case on which the West must unite; and it should unite round the American position.

But Washington too is playing political games with the WTO. Backed by France, it wants to oblige all WTO members to observe "core labour standards" such as collective bargaining and, in particular, to end "exploitative" child labour. With around 250 million children at work, many of them in sweatshops, this may seem innocently benevolent. But it passes over the hard fact that in some countries either poor children work or they and their families starve. The International Labour Organisation is the place to take up these concerns. Third World governments suspect, with reason, the existence of a protectionist agenda which would move on from child labour to attack one of their few competitive advantages, their low labour costs. The WTO should stick to its ambitious core task of making trade rules and making them stick; and America should be out there helping, instead of diverting it down a political cul-de-sac.

### LANARK LESSONS

The right way to root out public poisoning

Grief is one of the most effective solvents of the facts as they stand no such detailed complacency. It becomes difficult to defend sloppy practice and casual method in the face of tragic loss. The outbreak of food poisoning in central Scotland caused by the claimed ten lives and blighted more. Although the spread of infection is slowing the demand for action has not abated; Opposition parties are pressing for more extensive inquiries and many voices have been raised for new regulations.

The Fatal Accident Inquiry, which will examine the cause of the ten deaths, should balance depth and speed. The inquiry is, like the Children's Panel, an example of the occasional superiority of Scots to English law. It is more flexible than an inquest and will be able to question ministers and officials as well as meat suppliers. The police are conducting their own inquiries which may lead to criminal prosecution. The legal activity will be complemented by a scientific investigation into the mechanics of the infection's spread conducted by Professor Hugh Pennington from Aberdeen, the country's leading researcher into E. coli.
In all probability that should be sufficient.

Opposition politicians took advantage of the Scottish Grand Committee meeting yesterday to argue for a full public inquiry such as those which Lord Cullen presided over after the Piper Alpha explosion and Dunblane murders. The demand satisfies a populist appetite but it is not, in this case, appropriate. After both those disasters detailed recommendations on public policy and a new regulatory framework as well as questions of culpability-were explored by the inquiry over several months. On the basis of

inquiry with proposals for legislation should be needed.

The methods required to prevent the spread of E. coli are already known, and Kingdom has, and actively polices, some of the world's tightest food regulations. Inevitably, through dishonesty or carelessness, the rules are breached but there is no body of evidence which yet points strongly to the need for change and no guarantee that hours of judicial time would be well spent considering how best to tighten already rigorous guidelines on the separation, chilling and cooking of meat.

The failings which brought about this tragedy appear not to have been legislative, but administrative and mechanical. The public deserve to be told whether it was carelessness on the part of the supplier, inefficiency at Lanarkshire Health Board or insouciance by Government that may have exacerabated the infection's spread, but the inquiries so far set in train should do that. .

Public anger in Scotland is real but the public are ill-served by attempts to politicise the matter, especially from some pressure groups more interested in attacking the food industry than defending consumers. Nor is the premature scapegoating of tradesmen and public servants, who are clearly conscience-stricken, in anyone's interest. We must await the inquiry's report. But the most practical point to be made is all too prosaic. Individuals can limit the risk to health by buying, storing and cooking food with all possible care; and, even in a country as regulated as Britain, tragic error can still mock honest effort.

### A TRUCKER'S PHRASE BOOK

One: beware Greeks offering lifts

Lorry drivers used to be the heavy cavalry of of Victorian gentilities as "My good man, the open road. They were widely envied and much commented on as they thundered down the fast lanes of the motorways, or took short-cuts by country lanes in order to avoid tailbacks. Their machines are faster, newer, and 50 times more powerful than the average family saloon. Once they visited more exotic destinations than those offered by the package holidays. And so they combined the freedom of the knight errant with the virile glamour of the bomber pilot.

But now their glamour and freedom are. thwarted by the international road blockade. This latest industrial weapon of besieging countries by blocking their exits and their entrances is spoiling the life and harming the living of the lorry driver. The siege of France has ended after a fortnight in capitulation by the French Government to the extravagant demands of its native truckers. But some of the drivers who were stranded on the outskirts of the Channel ports are now blockaded on Greece's national highway by farmers striking for relief from debt,

higher price support and lower VAT. The Greek siege is entering its second week. Many of the drivers stuck on the road from Larisa fear that they may miss Christmas with their families. Similar incidents on the frontiers of Austria, Italy and Germany show the need for a new phonetically transliterated glossary of foreign phrases. This would replace such obsolete collections

kindly direct me to your apothecary/ police station/chiropodist/barber at once and "My postition has been struck by lightning!"

Some different phrases might prove more useful on the Post-Modern barricades. Try: "When Greek meets Greek, then comes the tow of car" Or: "It's a nightmare travelling in Greece: I had to stand all the way from Piraeus to Piraeus the other day, and I .wasn't even inside my cah". Essential: "It's all Greek to me, Stavros". Most important of all: "Beware of Greeks offering Lifts".

Sympathetic Greek farmers, we are told, are supplying the stranded drivers with cheese and wine. So the drivers will need newer dining-room phrases than the grand old ones reproving maitres d'hôtel and summoning the chef to instruct him how to brew -a cup of tea. More relevant today are such phrases as: Why does your cheese smell of goat? Is this wine, lager or pine essence, Niko? Where is the nearest Routiers taverna that serves a decent curry?

As for Christmas, the drivers will find that old-fashioned Greeks make more fuss a fortnight later on Epiphany, that name-days and Easter are the important anniversaries, that presents are exchanged on Christmas Eve, and that Greek children lespecially boys) are as badly spoilt as British. For in the new world, a trucker has to be a patient diplomat and sociologist; to be a simple lorry driver is not enough. 

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Lack of finance extends NHS lists

From Professor James Drife

Sir, Normally at this time of year it becomes difficult to carry out elective surgery in the NHS because beds are occupied by emergency admissions. This year, however, we are facing worse problems than ever, due not to illness but to bureaucracy. My col-leagues and I have been asked to stop operating on non-urgent cases for the next four months because our major purchasers are running out of funds.

We have the surgeons, the nurses, the beds, the theatre time and the equipment. We have patients who need treatment. The only problem is a contract signed last spring by managers who freely admit that they plucked prices out of the air by guesswork.
For the first time in 12 years I now

have a waiting list for non-urgent gynaecological surgery. What is so frustrating is that nothing has changed since last year except the forced implementation of a contracting process unconnected with reality.

Yours faithfully. JAMES DRIFE (Professor of Obstetries and Gynaecology), School of Medicine, D Floor, Clarendon Wing (LGI). Beimont Grove, Leeds.

From Dr Clare Highton and others Sir, The East London and the City Health Authority faces large scale cuts in the service it provides because of its £18 million deficit. All non-emergency outpatient appointments are now put back until April 1997. waiting-list times for operations are to be extended to 18 months, the ability to refer to hospitals outside the district severely curtailed and many community programmes stopped.

We are convinced that our district

does not receive a fair share of resources as the 1991 census grossly undercounted the population we serve. In 1994 the Audit Commission suggested inner-city areas need four times the resources to cope with the level of severe mental illness. In Hackney we have 40 patients diverted from prison to our medium-secure hospital, while most other districts nationwide have three or four. This costs a staggering £7 million a year, yet no money is diverted from the prison service. Our health authority is forced to consider putting some of these patients in hostels for mentally-ill offenders, and we are very worried about the safety of this cost-cutting exercise.

We are expected to prevent general hospital admissions and look after patients discharged ever earlier, yet our community trusts are going to have to make health visitors and district nurses redundant. There are now 40 unfilled GP posts and many of us have had to close our lists. Over 200 of us wrote to the Secretary of State for Health on November 5 to express our concern, but have yet to receive the courtesy of an acknowledgement.

The announcement of a 4.5 per cent increase next year - our share of the overall increase in NHS funding will not stop horrendous cuts in our district, and we will have to witness our patients suffering without the means to help them. We are left with a deep sense of injustice.

Yours faithfully. **CLARE HIGHTON** (Joint Chair, Hackney GP Forum), G. TOBIAS im Chair, Hackney GP Forum). KAMBIZ BOOMLA (Chair, City & East London Local Medical Council), P. CHANDRA P. JAKEMAN Chair, Tower Hamlets GP Forum) c/o Tredegar House, 97-99 Bow Road, E3. December 5.

### Medical advertising

From Mr J. A. Forder

Sir, I do not think the President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England has a lot to worry about concerning advertising (letter, November 26; see also letters, December 4).

We chartered physiotherapists have been allowed to advertise more freely. if not unbridled for many years, but practitioners still find that the best advert is the satisfied customer who will then recommend others. Having said this, it is not unknown for a prospective patient to pick out a chartered physiotherapist at random from Yellow Pages.

On the subject of referral, it would be a tremendous advantage if a physiotherapist could refer directly to a consultant for specialist opinion, especially if the GP had made the initial referral to the physiotherapist. I do not want in any way to undermine the authority of GPs, only to relieve some of their burden. This facility would be of particular value when treating, for example, injured athletes. I am sure it would be a privilege that would not be

Yours faithfully TONY POWLER Hen Flynnon Wen, Nr Wrexham, Denbighshire. December 5.

Letters that are intended for publication should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -0171-782 5046.

### Heroes or villains: fishing for the truth on cormorants

From Mr Richard Eddis

Sir, Your report and leading article today highlight a serious problem for those of us living in the country who are not "predators" in relation to cormorants but are striving to preserve longstanding environmental ameni-

I have two old fish ponds which have been here for hundreds of years and, because of their depth, I have been advised that the only way I can keep them fresh and clean is to keep them stocked with fish. The cormorant - which, once it discovers a pond of this sort, quickly brings its friends and relations - will soon make this impossible.

Unlike the heron, which cannot fish out of its depth, the cormorant swims under water and works as a Hoover. There is no question of sharing your fish with it as suggested by the ang-ling President of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds: it is one or the OTHER.

A licence to kill cannot be obtained unless it can be proved that the cormorants are causing financial loss, and the remedy suggested is the bird-scaring gun. There are two problems about this. First, it necessitates a firearms licence; secondly, the theory of it in relation to cormorants is that it will persuade them to return to the sea.

Unfortunately, most modern inland cormorants, bred in protected comfort, have never been near the sea and would be unlikely to be able to find it, even if they were unwise enough to wish to go there.

Yours etc. RICHARD EDDIS, Horkesley Hall, Little Horkesley, Colchester, Essex.

From the Editor of The Field

Sir, Mr Simon Barnes's defence of the comporant ("A whiff of the ocean, a call from the wild", Features, December 6) states that "people involved in the killing sports always carry on as if they were the only people who understand the countryside and its creation". Perhaps it is because fieldsports followers are genuine countrymen who know that conservation is a complex issue.

There is no such thing in this country as the "wilderness" that Mr Barnes rhapsodises about. Every scrap of land is managed by man, and the bits with the highest biodiversity are man-aged for field sports, whether they be

grouse moor or a salmon river. This involves choices, some of which are difficult. If you want ground-nesting birds on uplands, such as grouse and curlew, then you have so control predators such as foxes and crows. This is what the RSPB is doing at its Abernethy reserve. If you want salmon, then it may be necessary to limit the fish and birds that feed on their eggs and young, such as eels and cormorants

Of course you may decide that Nature should be a free-for-all and that the most opportunistic predators should flourish in our man-made environment, no matter what the consequences to the prey species. Fine. But our countryside would be a far poorer

Yours faithfully. J. P. YOUNG, Editor, The Field. King's Reach Tower, Stamford Street, SE1. December 6.

From the Chairman of the Welsh Regional Fisheries Advisory Committee and others

Sir, Last Thursday's coverage of the killing of cormorants in southern England may have left the impression that the majority of anglers support or condone such illegal actions.

Quite the reverse: as chairmen of our regional committees, we have received numerous representations from anglers and fishery owners, many of whom are also members of RSPB and other wildlife groups, dismaved at the message conveyed by the actions of this tiny group.

Responsible anglers accept the need

to await the outcome of governmentfunded research into management measures which might be applicable to those fisheries where the balance between prey and predator has be-come seriously disturbed. Meanwhile, we urge all fishermen to speak out in opposition to those who take the law into their own hands in this way.

Yours faithfully. PAT O'REILLY, Chairman, Fisheries Advisory Committee, Welsh Region, JAMES CARR (North-west). JOHN FAWCETT (Yorkshire), NICK GILES (Southern). FRED JENNINGS (Midlands), KEN PETTICAN (Anglian). CHRIS ROTHWELL (Wessex). PETER TENNANT (Northumbria). ANNE VOSS-BARK (South-west). Ffoshelyg, Lancych, Boncath, Pembrokeshire.

From the Director of the Salmon & Trout Association

December 8.

Sir. This association condemns the illegal killing of cormorants, which is practised by a small group of mavericks with no support from the vast majority of reasonable anglers, and it has consistently advised members to apply to MAFF for a licence to shoot as an aid to scaring, not for the pur-

Our aim is to establish a responsible management plan for cormorants. which would allow a healthy population to exist with a minimum impact on freshwater fish stocks. We believe that fish require just as much protection below the water surface as their avian predators above it. No management plan can be successful if viewed from one perspective only.

Yours faithfully, CHRIS POUPARD. Director. Salmon & Trout Association, Fishmongers' Hall, London Bridge, EC4. December 5.

### Heavy lorries

From the Assistant Director of Transport 2000 Ltd

Sir, Mr David Green of the Freight Transport Association argues that allowing general use of 44-tonne lorries. nt proposed in a consultation paper yesterday, will mean substantially fewer HGVs on our roads (letter and report, December 3).

He could not be more wrong. Increasing the maximum lorry weight from the present 38 tonnes to 44 tonnes will act as a subsidy to the road haulage industry. Bulk goods (coal, quarry stone, chemicals) which it is economic to move by rail at present will shift to lorries. There will be thousands of new lorry trips - many through attractive towns like Devizes and Mariborough or national parks like the Peak District, and many more on already congested motorways.

Raising lorry weights will also lead firms to reorganise distribution, reduce the number of depots, and run the new heavier larries further. This will increase lorry mileage yet again. The Government says it wants to

encourage greater use of rail for freight. If this is true, it should be taxing lorries to cover their full environ-mental and social cost (double what

they presently pay, according to the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution figures, published in December 1994), not increasing lorry

Yours faithfully. LYNN SLOMAN, Assistant Director. Transport 2000 Ltd. Walkden House. December 3.

From Lord Berkeley, Chairman of the Piggyback Consortium

Sir, The Freight Transport Association argues that 44-tonne lorries will mean lower road wear and less lorries since they would be able to carry heavier loads. That is only half the

Forty-four tonnes spread over six axles as proposed produces marginally less pressure per axle on the road surface than 40 tonnes over five axles (the maximum permitted from 1999). but road surfaces are damaged by the repetitive pounding of each axle — one more will only increase the problem. Longer bridges will also need strengthening because the whole lorry imposes four tonnes extra load.

As to higher weight limits meaning less torries; this is true for heavy loads

10 Melton Street, NWI.

such as steel or fuels, but a large proportion of lorries are full to maximum volume before reaching even the exist-ing weight limit of 38 tonnes. Since the size of lorries is not to change, there is

little advantage in the extra tonnes for many loads.

of coal or aggregates — as a result of the proposed change. This means more lorries, not less. Forty-four-tonne lorries carrying containers are already allowed on tightly regulated journeys to and from railheads. The Department of Trans-

port has stated that this will be extended to complete trailers — the piggyback" method.

TONY BERKELEY (Chairman, The Piggyback Consortium). 44 Home Road, SWII.

December 3.

### Taxes and votes

From Councillor Harvey Cole

Sir, Amid the welter of claims and counter-claims about the effects of the Budget, it can be clearly shown that people securing the average expected pay increase of 4 per cent in the coming year will lose half of it to the Chan-

On an income increased to £10,000. \$8.4 per cent of the increase will be swallowed up in direct and indirect taxes; where earnings reach £20,000, the Exchequer will absorb 54.5 per cent of the additional £350; and while those achieving £30,000 actually do best, they will still see their tax bills take 49 per cent of their extra £590.

At all income levels, people also need to be aware that the 7 per cent avcrage increase in council tax, which Mr Clarke pretends will make good the shortfall in government funding of local services, is not enough to maintain them at current levels. The grim alternatives are: pay more or get less, and pay more and get less.

HARVEY R. COLE (Deputy Leader. Hampshire County Council). 9 Clifton Road.

Winchester, Hampshire.

### Himalayan marmots

From Sir George Engle, QC

Sir. The idea - now confirmed - that Herodotus's "gold-digging ants" of the Himalayas were marmots (report, December 4) is not new. A foomore in my Loeb Classical Lib-

rary edition of Herodotus, published in 1921, reads: "It is suggested that the 'ants' may have been really marmots. But even this does not seem to make the story much more probable." Seeking to discredit Herodotus has always been a risky business.

Yours faithfully. GEORGE ENGLE 32 Wood Lane, Highgate, No. December 4

### From Mr D. H. Murdoch

worse than she supposes.

Sir, Libby Purves (article, November 26) scorns the notion that tax cuts win elections and resents the assumption that in the secrecy of the voting booth we are all for sale". Things may be

By way of an experiment, today I challenged a class of second-year students to reconsider the principle, last espoused under the Thatcher premiership in relation to the poll tax, of "no representation without taxation".

What, I asked whimsically, if the Government offered a substantial cut in income tax to anyone who agreed to relinquish the right to vote? The majority of the class, without hesitation, claimed they would gladly

disenfranchise themselves for a higher income. The minority, save one, were merely uncertain. The exception was a visiting American student, the expression on whose face as she listened to the discussion

suggested someone who had inadver-

tently wandered into a zoo. Yours faithfully. D. H. MURDÓCH. University of Leeds, School of History, Leeds, LS2 9JT. November 29.

### Season's greetings

From Rabbi Dr Jonathan Romain

Sir, As an example of how non-Christians are caught up in Christmas rites "The twelve dilemmas of Christmas", December 3, I often send Christmas cards to Christian friends on the grounds that it may not be my festival. but I am happy to wish them well on theirs. However, last year I was surprised to receive a card myself, and even more so when it turned out to be from a Sikh friend.

Yours faithfully. JONATHAN ROMAIN. Maidenhead Synagogue, 9 Boyn Hill Avenue. Mairlenhead Porkshim

The English Welsh & Scottish Railway is reported as saying that it lose up to 20 per cent (or 20 million tonnes) of its existing freight business in particular, the heavy, bulk flows

This provides the most cost-effective solution for putting the loads or the complete trailers of long-distance heavy lorries, whatever their ton-nage, onto rail, and will leave the roads for lighter loads and shorter journeys.

### Gas safety

From Miss Ruth Clay

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr R. J. Simmons (December 2) who, as a pensioner, is concerned about the cost of British Gas's service charges, might like to know that I recently received a letter from a heating firm telling me that it had been nominated as my British Gas Trading Ltd nominated Gas Care Agent" and that my "free Gas Care Safety Check" was now due and would be carried out by a fully qualified engineer.

A pleasant gentleman was on my doorstep at 8.15am on the appointed day, checked my three gas appliances and told me that under the Gas Care scheme such checks were available to those aged 60 or over on request.

RUTH CLAY, 77 Princes Road, Richmond, Surrey. December 2.

### Who's to blame?

From Mrs S. E. Dennis

Sir, For children to sue their parents for bringing them into "this uncertain world" (letter, December 6; see also letter, December 3) would be to threaten the future of humankind, but surely there is now a case for teachers to sue parents for giving them such unsuitable children to teach?

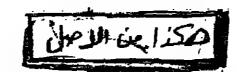
S. E. DENNIS. 29 Cromwell Avenue, Highgate, No. December 6.

### From Mr Anthony Denny

Yours faithfully,

Sir. Children may of course feel aggrieved at being brought into this un-certain world, but wise parents can avoid expensive lawsuits by settling out of court. It's called pocket money.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY DENNY, 1 Ellerslie Road, WI2. ji.UU +3+26 - THOROGOGINER





### **COURT CIRCULAR**

ST JAMES'S PALACE December 9:

The Prince of Wales. Duke of Cornwall, this morning re-ceived the Secretary of the Duchy of Cornwall (Mr John

December 9: The Duke of Kent, President, this afternoon attended a lecture at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies, Whitehall,

The Duke of Gloucester will visit

Fuiitsu Telecommunications (Europe), Solihull Parkway,

Birmingham Business Park, Birmingham, at 10.45; will open

the new regional headquarters of the Royal Society for the Preven-

tion of Accidents, Edgbaston Park

353 Bristol Road, at 12.10; and will visit St Basil's, Heath Mill Lane

The Duchess of Gloucester, as

Patron of the Royal Army Educa-tional Corps Association, will

make a presentation to a pensioner at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, at

The Duke of Kent will open the

silver jubilee appeal.

11.00.

London SWI.

### Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a reception given by Racing Welfare Charities at St James's Palace at 7.15 as part 150th anniversary of the Grand

The Prince of Wales, as President of Business in the Community, will visit the Greenway Centre, Southmead, North Bristol, 21 10.30; will open the new Sun Life headquarters, Brierly Furlong. Stoke Gifford, at 11.35; will visit the Bristol Canor Help Centre, Clifton, at 1.00; and will open the Music Room, Bristol University, at 2.20. Later, as President of The Prince's Trust, he will attend the premiere of First Contact, which marks thirty years of Star Trek, at the Empire Leicester Square, at

The Duke of York will visit the Hull Common Purpose programme at the Quality Royal Hotel, Kingston upon Hull, at 10.00; will visit the Defence School of Total Control of the Purpose of the Purpose of Total Control of Cont of Transport, Leconfield, at 11.50; and will visit the Driffield School. Manorfield Road, Driffield, at 200.

Princess Alexandra will attend a Christmas carol service in St Paul's Cathedral at 6.20 in aid of

The Queen has appointed Sir John Gielgud to be a member of the Order of Merit.

### School news

Francis Holland School, Graham Terrace, London SWI The Governors are delighted to announce the appointment as Head Mistress from September 1, 1997, of Miss Stephanie Pattenden. at present Deputy Head Mistress of South Hampstead High School GPDST, on the retirement of Mrs Jermiler Anderson. Haberdashers' Monmonth

School for Cirls The Governors are pleased to unnounce the appointment of Dr Brenda Despontin, currently Prin-cipal of the Girls' Division, The

King's School, Macclesfield, to be Headmistress of Haberdashers' effect from September 1, 1997, on Headmistress, Mrs Dorothy Newman.

St Lawrence College Juntar School

The Governors are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Roy Tunnicliffe as Head of the Junior School from September 1997. Mr Tunnicliffe is currently Deputy Head of Northwood Preparatory School.

### William Morris Building, Cov-entry University, Gosford Street, at 11/35; and, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Jaguar Cars, Browns Lane, Allesley, at 12.30. Later he will attend a dinner given by the Spanish Ambassador at Belgrave

the Imperial Cancer Research The Royal Institute of International Affairs The meeting which was to have been addressed by Or Rüsdü Saracoglu on Wednesday, Decem-

ber II, 1996, at II.00am, has been

### Luncheon

Mr Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Defence, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lan-caster House in honour of Mr Renato de Villa, Secretary for National Defence of the Phil-

### University news Cambridge

King's College
Elected into an honorary fellowship: Anne Laura McLaren FRS.
former fellow of the college.
Elected as a fellow benefactor of
the college for five years from
December I, 1996: Roger Leigh
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college. 1927.

respect was, member of the college, 1927.
Elected into a non-stipendiary research fellowship from January I, 1997: Stephan Klasen.



Stacey Smith, aged 8, from the Susan Lawrence School, Tower Hamlets, east London, tries out a bamboo organ made by Robert Hebrard, a French sound sculptor. The organ consists of a number of traditional Indonesian bamboo instruments called angklungs, which sound when they are hit by the fist. The organ is part of a collection of sound sculptures which will be on show at the Barbican Centre in London until January 4

### Birthdays today

Judge Shirley Anwyl, QC, 56; Mr John Birt, Director-General, BBC, 52; Mr Kenneth Branagh, actor and director, 36: Mr Harry Cohen, MP. 47: Sir John Collins, chief executive, Vestey Group of Com-panies, 55; Professor B.W. Cunliffe, FBA, former president, Society of FBA. former president, Society of Antiquaries of London, 57; Mrs Ann Glosg, co-founder, Stagecoach Holdings, 54; Miss Rumer Godden, writer, 59; Lord Harris of High Cross, 72; Mr Nicholas Henderson, racehorse trainer, 46; Mr Michael Jopling, MD 54; Sir David Kelly, former MP, 66; Sir David Kelly, former President, National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associ-ations, 60; Miss J.M. Kenworthy. Principal, St Mary's College, Durham, 63; Mr Jahangir Khan, squash player, 33; Mr Nicolas Kynaston, organist, 55: Mr James

McAdam, chairman, Signet Group. 66; Mr Raphsel Maklouf, sculptor. 59; Mr Michael Manley. Jamaican politician, 72: Sir Jeremy Morse, former chairman, Lloyds Bank, 68: Professor Howard Newby, Vice-Chancellor, Newby, Southampton University, 49; Sir John Peel, former Surgeon-Gynaecologist to the Queen, 92: Mr T.S. Roberts, former chairman. Millord Haven Conservancy Board, 85; Sir Angus Stirling former Director-General, National Trust, 63; Mr C.W. Turner, former Rector, Glasgow Academy, 63; Mr M.T. Wright, former director, Heritage Memorial

### Reception

Standing Conference of Atlantic Mr David Griffiths, Secretary of

the Standing Conference of At-lantic Organisations, was the host at a reception held last night at lo Brunswick Mews, WI, to mark the London bureau meeting of the

### Royal Association in Aid of Deaf People

Choir of the Royal School for Deaf

Children, Margate, sang and signed during the service.
The Deputy Lord Mayor of Westminster attended. Among oth-

ers present were:

Members of both Houses of
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Mayoresses of Bromies, Enline
Greenwich, Harrow, Havening
Hillingdon, Lambeth, Lewisbam
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strong BA MA, G A Jones BEng, J A Flewers BSc, D J Startup BSc MSc, Flying Officers M J Aspinali, M Kay, A N Roberts and C

Navigator: Flight Lieutenant D

ers present were:

Mr Allstair Burt, Minister for Social Security and Disabled People, gave a reading at a Festival of Carols and Readings for deaf and deafblind people held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, inster Abbey. The Rev Christopher Colledge,

RAD Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, the Rev Vera Hunt, Chairwoman of the National Deaf Church Conference and Honorary RAD Chaplain, and the Rev Jonathan French, and the Rev Jongulan french, the Rev Jacqui Henry, and the Rev Robin Whittle, RAD Chaplains, led the prayers. Ms Penny Beschizza, Sign Lan-

guage Adviser, the Deaf Broadcasting Council, Mr David Hyslop, chairman and joint director, Breakthrough, Ms Janke Floyd, Usher Services research assistant, National Deafblind and Rubella Association, Ms Gillian Hearing Dogs for the Deal, and Field Marshal Lord Bramall, KG, Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London and a RAD Vice-President,

The Right Rev John Perry, Bishop of Chelmsford, Chalman of the Committee for Ministry among Deaf People and a Vice-President of RAD, gave an

The Choir of St Manageret's, with the London Diocesan Deaf Choir,

### Royal Air Force

The following officers have graduated from No 21 Rotary Wing Advanced Training Course at RAF Shawbury and were presented with their wings yesterday. Air Vice-Marshal J.C. French was the reviewing officer: Pilot: Flight Lieutenants ( Arm-

### 9th-century church found REMAINS of one of the the Gillingham Deal Choir, the Clapham Deal Choirs and the

earliest Christian churches in Scotland have been found off the coast of Fife (Norman Hammond writes). The church, which may be

as early as the 9th century in date, underlies a later Benedictine abbey on the Island of May.

Excavations this year have revealed a small, square building with dry stone formdations, similar to churches on the west coast and in Ireland, according to Peter Yeoman, regional archaeologist for Fife. It may have been built as a mortuary shrine to St Ethernan, an early missionary whose cult drew thousands of pilgrims to the island in the Middle Ages. A burial mound, containing

hundreds of skeletons, has also been found. The burials date from the 7th to 10th centuries, and the church was built into the mound. Bronze Age urns suggest that the site may have been a place of burial for 2,000 years before that, Mr Yeoman said.

### Latest wills

George Herbert Pinhorn, of St Mary's Platt, Sevenoaks, Kent, left estate valued at 52,530,471 net. He left \$1,000 each to Cancer Research Campaign, RSFB, Royal Ulster Constituting Benevolent Fund; \$500 to the RNLI.

Ernest Lawson, of London SWI, left estate valued at £1.231,445 net. He left residuary estate to the benevolence of impoverished Jews in New West End Synagogue. McGurk BSc, Flying Officer C

### Service dinners

HMS Victory Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea. Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home

Command, was the host at a luncheon held onboard the flagship HMS Victory in Portsmouth yesterday, Mr Conrad Black, Chairman The Telegraph, was among the

The Royal Naval Reserve Officers' Dining Club Captain F. Ashe Lincoln presided at the Annual Dinner held on Wednesday, December 4, on board HOS Wellington, Rear-Admiral John Lang was the principal guest.

### Dinners

Warwickshire Lieutenancy The surrual dinner of the Warwick-shire Lieutenancy was held last night at the Judges House, War-wick. Viscount Daventry, Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire,

After the dinner Captain C.B. Fetherston-Dilke, Vice Lord-Lieutenant, on behalf of all the Deputy Lieutenants, presented Lord and Lady Daventry with a landscape painting of part of Warwickshire to mark Lord Daventry's retirement as Lord-Lieurenant on December 17, Guild of Freemen of the City

of Lemon.
The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs and their ladies, present at the annual dinner of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London held last night at Guildhall.

The Master, Vice Admiral Sir Peter Buchanan, presided. The American Ambassador, the Lord Mayor, Sir Anthony Grant, MP, and Admiral Sir Jock Slater, First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, also spoke. Macrabacene

Sir John Bakombe, President of the Maccabaeans, presided at the annual Chamikah dinner held last right at Lincoln's inn. Sir Aaron King, OM, FRS, and Professor Lord Winston were the guest speakers. The dinner also marked the 75th anniversary of the Maccabasan Meldola Medal for

Sir Patrick Cormack, MP, was the principal speaker at a talk dinner-held last night at the Athenaeum. Mr Michael. Shaw was in the

National Employers Liaison Committee for Wales Sir Tasker Watkins, VC, was the principal guest and speaker at the National Employers Liaison Com-mittee for Wales Annual Dinner which was held at Cardiff Castle on Friday, December D.G. Cantley presided.

### Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League Professor Sir Kenneth Stuart, Honorary Medical and Scientific Adviser to the Barbados High Commission, was the guest speaker at the final meeting of the autumn session of the Discussion Chrie of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elbabeth Cresswell presided.

### Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.C. Kiley and Miss M.N. Tollemache The engagement is announced between Sam, son of Mr Dennis Kiley, of London, and of Dr Martha Kiley-Worthington, of Devon, and Melissa, daughter of the Hon Michael and Mrs Tollemache of Framsden, Suffolk Mr R.N. Hill

and Miss T.S. Dean The engagement is announced between Rowland Nicholas, son of the late Rowland William Hill and of Mrs. Ruth Hill. of St. Johns. Wood, London NWS, and Tammy. eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. James Dean, of Maryland, USA.

M. Laloadrelle and Miss S.A. Patel
The engagement is announced between Maxime, son of M. and Mme. Maurice Lalondrelle, of Saint-Gor, France, and Susan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Naren Patel, of Dundee, Scotland.

### Marriage

Captain A.W. Wood, RHA, and Captain L.S. Cane, RAVC The marriage took place on Saturday. December 7. at St Andrew's, Kirby Bedon, Norfolk, of Angus, younger son of Mrs Jean Wood, of Knayton, Yorkshire, and Wood, of Knayton, Yorkshire, and the late Mr David Wood, to Lucinda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Cane. Canon Ivan Bailey officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Rachel Cane, Charlotte and Jordan Wood, Mr Nicholas Provis was best man.

Nicholas Powis was best man. A sword guard was provided by brother officers of the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery.

### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Bradshaw, president of the podges at the trial of King Charles I, Stockport, 1602; Thomas Holcroft, dramatist, London, 1745; George Shaw, matu ralist, Bierma, Buckinghamshire, 1751: César Franck, composer, Liège, 1822; Emily Dickinson, poet, Amherst, Massachusetts, 1830; Adolf Loos, architect, Brno, Austria, 1870; Hamid Alexander, ist Earl Alexander of Tunis, Field Marshal, Governor-General of Canada 1946-52, London,

DEATHS: Psolo Uccello, painter, Florence, 1475; Edmund Gunter. rastice, 1473 Bullina (1626; Rowland Hill, lst Viscount Hill, general, 1842; Alfred Nobel, indusrialist and founder of the prizes bearing his name, San Remo, 1896; Sir Joseph Hooker, Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 1865-85, Sumingdale, Berkshire, 1911; Charles Rennie Mackintosh, architect. London. 1928; Luigi Pirandello, dramatist and novelist. Nobel lattreate 1934, Rome, 1936; Damon Runyon, short story writer, 1946; Henry Cowell, com-poser, Shady, New York, 1965; Otis Redding, singer and songwriter, died in an air crash. Lake Monoma, near Madison, Wisconsin, 1967; Jascha Helfett, violinist, Los Angeles, 1987. Civil engineer Robert Thompson patented pneumatic tyres, London,

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State, 1898. The first Nobel Prizes were

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### **OBITUARIES**

### MARY LEAKEY

Mary Leakey. anthropologist, died in Nairobi yesterday aged 83. She was born on February 6, 1913.

the scientific anchor without which her husband, the anthropologist Louis Leakey, might have been dismissed as a mere controversialist with an exotic private life. For every vivid claim made by Louis about the origins of man, the supporting evidence tended to come from Mary, whose scrupulous scientific approach contrasted with his taste for publicity and enjoyment of personal battles.

After his death in 1972, she enjoyed her most spectacular find, three trails of fossilised hominid footprints 3.6 million years old, which she discovered at Laetoli in Tanzania in 1978 and 1979. These showed that man's ancestors were already walking upright at a much earlier period than most anthropologists had believed. "At one point," wrote Mary Leakey of one of these tracks, "she stops, pauses, turns to the left to glance at some possible threat or irregularity, and then continues to the north. This motion, so intensely human, transcends time."

Born in London, she was the daughter of the landscape painter Erskine Nicol, who died when she was 13. Much of her childhood was spent in France, and it was the cave naintines of the Dordogne, to which her father introduced her, that kindled her interest in prehistory and her talent for drawing prehistoric artefacts. "I dug things up," she later explained. "I was curious, and then I liked to draw what I found. The first money I ever earned was for drawing stone

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After seeing some of her



Louis and Mary Leakey in 1959, with the upper jaw of the skull of Australopithecus (Zinjanthropus) boisei

Ancestors and soon after she accompanied him to Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania. He was already married, with two small children, but after a painful divorce he married Mary in 1936 and they made their home in East Africa. He was not to prove the easiest of husbands.

Mary Douglas Leakey had gained archaeological experience at Hembury Fort in Devon and at Jaywick Sands in East Anglia. In 1937 she excavated Hyrax Hill near Nakuru in Kenya, an early Iron Age site, publishing the work, Louis Leakey asked her results in a long paper in the to illustrate his book Adam's Transactions of the Royal Society of South Africa. Her competence as an archaeologist was then widely recognised. Her next important work was at Olorgesailie, near Nairobi, an Acheulean site with spectacular concentrations of handaxes and fossil fauna. Here for the first time the actual living sites of early man were discovered.

In 1948 Mary found on Rusinga Island in Lake Victoria the skull of Proconsul africanus, a 16 million-yearold Miocene ape and at that time the only fossil ape skull known. This she painstakingly. reconstructed from innumerable fragments. At Olduvai in

1959 she repeated the feat, piecing together her most spectacular find, the skull of Australopithecus (Zinjanthropus) boisei from more than 400 tiny fragments. Later, by the newly developed potassi um-argon dating technique, "Zinj" was dated to 1.7 million years and was in fact the first australopithecine skull to be dated.

This discovery was the be-ginning of world renown for the Leakeys and, more important for them, financial support from the National Geographic Society of Washington for their work at Olduval, which had previously

been done on the proverbial shoestring. It also proved the beginning of Mary's long association with Olduvai as her permanent home. Here she could devote her time to research and writing, and enjoy her love of solitude. She shared her life with a pack of dalmatian dogs and many other animals both tame and wild, which were her other great interest equalled only by stone tools.

The detailed plans of hominid living sites that she made were unique at that time and were published in her book, Excavations in Beds I and II, volume three of the Olduvai

Gorge monographs (1971). Apart from many papers in Nature and other scientific journals, her publications included a popular account of her life at Olduvai in Olduvai Gorge: my search for early

man (1979).
Since her first visit to the United States in 1962 to receive the National Geographic Society's gold Hubbard medal jointly with her husband, Mary made yearly lecture tours of the US to raise money for research. She was awarded a number of medals, and honorary doctorates of science from the Universities of the Witwatersrand, Yale and Chicago, as well as a DLitt from Oxford. She was a Fellow of the British Academy.

She loved small Cuban cigars and single malt whiskies, and preferred the outdoors to urban life. "Given the chance," I'd rather be in a tent than in a house," she once said. In the world of palaeoanthropology, where arguments often turn personal, she was a stickler for proper behaviour, publishing careful and detailed accounts of the evidence she had gathered. She only agreed to write an autobiography — Disclos-ing the Past, published in 1984 - after getting agreement that a book she had written on little-known rock paintings at Kandoa, Tanzania, would also

be published. in August of this year, after the Tanzanian Government and the Getty Conservation Institute had finally decided to protect the hominid footprints beneath a high-tech synthetic covering, Mary Leakey travelled to Lactoli for a final look at her great discovery.

She is survived by her sons Jonathan, Richard and Philip. Richard Leakey followed his parents into palaeontology, becoming well-known for his researches east of Lake Turkana in Kenya. He became active in Kenyan politics and is the secretary general of the opposition Salina Party.

# **ALAIN POHER**

Alain Poher, President of the French Senate, 1968-92, died in Paris yesterday aged 87. He was born at Ablon-sur-Seine on April 17. 1909.

AS PRESIDENT of the Upper House of the French parliament for 24 years, it twice fell to Alain Poher to stand in as acting head of state. On the first occasion he became interim President of the French Republic following the resig-nation of Charles de Gaulle in April 1969, after the rejection by the public of his referen-dum proposals for regional and Senate reforms. Poher's second short tenure of the office was brought about by the death of Georges Pompidou in 1974.

The first occasion was the more important both person-ally and politically for Poher since it encouraged him to run for the office himself in the presidential election which followed de Gaulle's departure. That is not to say that he was a strongly ambitious man. An unassuming figure who had held office under the Fourth Republic, he had until that point nursed no dreams of

high office.
But his candidature as a "man of conciliation" - his own description of himself well suited the temper of a nation which seemed to be running strongly against Gaullism.

An ardent European, he had been president of the European Assembly and, although a man of somewhat conservative instincts, had, in the context of the times, a strong appeal for the liberal vote. In the event it was not to be, and he was well beaten by the "new-look" moderate Gauliism of Georges Pompidou in the second round run-off. When the latter died in office in 1974, Poher yet again took the reins of the French State, until fresh elections brought Valery Giscard d'Estaing to the Elysée Palace.

Alain Emile Louis Marie Poher was trained as a mining engineer but later changed course and acquired a doctorate in law and a diploma from the Ecole des Sciences Politiques. He began his political career in the Ministry of Finance and during the war

was head of its Resistance

ETOUD. After the war he served as head of social services in the Finance Ministry and was for a few months in 1946 chef de cabinet to the Finance Minister Robert Schuman, of whom he was a close friend. Under

this tireless mentor and Euro-

pean his career was marked by a devotion to the cause of a united Europe. In 1948 he entered the

Senate as a member of the Catholic Mouvement Republicain Populaire and held office in several of the governments of of the Fourth Republic During 1948 he was sucessively Secretary of State for Finances and for the Budget before being appointed Commissioner for German and Austrian Affairs (1948-52) which he followed by two years as French delegate to the international authority of the Ruhr. He represented the French Senate in the Strasbourg assembly and subse-quently led the Christian Democrat group in the European Parliament, of which he was President from 1966 to 1969. He was elected President of the Senate in 1968.

Nevertheless his name was scarcely known to the French public before de Gauile's res-ignation in April 1969 thrust him into the limelight as acting head of state. While France tried to acclimatise itself to life after de Gaulle, Poher acted incisively to organise new elections. One of his first acts as President was to summon the director of the state-controlled radio and television network ORTF and demand that it drop its shamelessly partisan stance for the forthcoming campaign. He also acted to reduce the sense of public tension engendered by the de Gaulle resignation by ordering the Interior Min-ister to reduce the number of riot police on standby in Paris.

His own candidature against the Gaullist Georges Pompidou had some encouragement in socialist circles. But it typified the essential lack of homogeneity of the moderate Left and at a crucial moment Poher was deserted by three important centre party leaders as well as by the popular veteran anti-Gaullist conservative Antoine Pinay. After the first round of voting, which eliminated the Communist Jacques Duclos, a number of Poher's supporters advised him to stand down to allow a straight fight between Duclos and the new "liberal" Gaullism of Pompidou. But he refused and in the upshot went down by eight million votes to Pompidou's 11 million. He was not tempted to repeat the experiment at the presidential contest which followed Pompidou's death, in April 1974, contenting himself with a second short term as interim President

He leaves his widow and

daughter.

### PROFESSOR BRUCE PATTISON



Bruce Pattison, Professor of Education **London University** Institute of Education 1948-76, died on November 19 aged 88. He was born on November 13, 1908.

MANY students throughout the Third World are indebted to Bruce Pattison, who ran the London University Institute's Teaching English as a Foreign. Language (TEFL) department

tion of teachers, many of them British expatriates, passed through the institute's headquarters in Bloomsbury before finding themselves posted to schools and colleges around the globe.

Pattison was also a leading pioneer of the so-called Specia Relations programme which nursed the fledgeling higher education institutions in Britain's colonies, where students read for the external London

for 28 years. A whole genera- · degree. He travelled himself extensively throughout Africa and the West Indies ensuring that the quality of instruction was up to standard.

The scheme gradually came to an end as one British colony after another won independence and their colleges became universities in their own right — awarding their own degrees. But the influence of Partison and his colleagues continued even after this process took place.

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TEFL students were sent for practical teaching experience to rural Wales — the only region left in this country where some children did not use English as their first language. By 1970, however. the spread of television had forced Pattison to look farther afield - and to send his charges to practise in Malta

Until the late 1960s his

Yet although it was his work at the institute for which Pattison will be chiefly remembered, he enjoyed a considerable reputation as a scholar in his own right.

Born in Gateshead, he went to the local grammar school before crossing the Tyne to read English at King's College then known as Armstrone College), Newcastle upon Tyne. He narrowly missed a first, but then went to Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge, to study for his PhD under the supervision of the noted musicologist Edward

His feeling for music, which rivalled his love of English literature, was reflected by his thesis Poetry and Music of the English Renaissance. Published separately after the war, it ran into two editions and is still regarded as a standard text for students of the period.

Pattison spent the next three years as a schoolmaster, teaching at Mellish School. Nottingham, 1933-35, and at Hymers College, Hull, for the next 12 months. In 1936, however, he moved to University College London as an English lecturer.

Apart from the war years, when he was seconded to Whitehall, first to the Board of Trade then to the Ministry of Supply (where he built up an expertise in timber), he remained at University College for 12 years. He was made

Reader in English in 1948, but left in the same year to take up his professorial chair at the London University Institute of Education.

Pattison became director of the Extramural Department's Summer School of English and was for many years chairman of its development committee. He also belonged to the advisory panel for the General Medical Council's professional and linguistic board, which examines the English proficiency of foreign doctors coming to work in Britain. He served on a number of

committees and was at one time a governor and trustee of the Central Foundation Schools of London. He was also made a Freeman of the City of London. A tall, baiding man with

considerable presence, Bruce Pattison endeared himself to those who worked under him. He led through example, never seeing himself as more than member of the team. He relaxed by playing chess and indulging his love of music on his own grand piano. An active Liberal as an undergraduate, he retained to the end his support for the Liberal Democrats.

After retiring from the institute 20 years ago he wrote up the story of the Special Relations programme, which was published by London Univer-sity in 1984. His retirement was marred, however, by the death of his wife Dorothy only three years after he had left the

Another Tynesider from Gateshead, whom he met while they were reading English together at Newcastle, she died after a long painful battle against spinal cancer. They had no children and Bruce Pattison, who nursed her devotedly, never fully got over his loss.



Poher casting his vote in the second round of the presidential election in June 1969

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### THE HALIFAX DISASTER

Every British heart shares the sorrow and dismay of Canada at the dreadful disaster which has befallen Halifax. Even in these days, when news of death and devastation has become familiar to us, a calamity so unexpected and so dire moves us to the deepest sympathy and

The explosion of an American munition ship in the harbour has killed and mutilated thousands and has wrought widespread havoc in this great and flourishing city. Some benzine, it is said, which the munition ship was carrying, caught fire, as she was leaving the pier, after collision with an incoming Belgian relief ship. Efforts made to sink her before the flames reached the explosives were unsuccessful, and, after an interval, she blew up. The explosion was terrific. The American naval commander of the port reports that it was seen and heard over 50 miles out to sea, and it is alleged that windows were broken 60

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This report of the explosion of an American munition ship in the harbour of Halifax, Nova Scotia, was followed by a later message reporting a death toll of

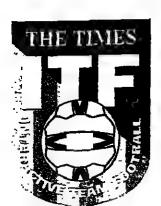
4,000, including 550 school children.

miles off inland. It was hoped that the first accounts of the calamity in American newspapers might prove to be exaggerated. Unhappily our Toronto correspondent bids us abandon this hope. The number of the dead is as yet not ascertained, but he states that it may exceed 3,000. Only 12 soldiers are reported among them. The value of the property destroyed is estimated at E5,000,000 to £6,000,000. Over 3,000 homes have been laid in ruins, and more than 25,000 people are homeless.

The configuration of the land, sloping down to the water on two sides of the harbour in a kind of funnel, intensified the force of the explosion, and it was immediately followed by fire. A blizzard was blowing at the time, and as most of the houses near the port were small wooden-frame houses in narrow streets, the conflagration rapidly spread. The newer and more solidly built quarters escaped with damage which is comparatively slight.

Canada has met the blow with the heroic fortitude she displays upon the battlefield. The authorities are exerting themselves to the utmost to relieve the sufferings of the houseless thousands. All the chief cities and towns of the Dominion have hastened to send aid. and the United States have been eager to assist their neighbours who are now their brothers in arms. A joint resolution has been moved in Congress appropriating £1,000,000 for this object, while many American communities have dispatched medical and other supplies to the stricken city.

# Birmingham side finds goals from an unlikely source



THE combination of Ian Wright and Efan Ekoku, both goalscorers in form, has given a Birmingham resident the weekly prize in The Times Interactive Team Football game. Mr R. Crook wins the E250 prize, and is well in contention in the overall race

41st place this week. But he will do well to catch John Hunt, of Taunton, the long-term leader, whose various teams continue to dominate the field. Eight of his teams are in the leading 250 ITF selectors, with six of them in the top twenty. Mr Crook's team is:

Goalkeeper M Oakes (Aston Villa)

Full backs I Nolan (Sheffield Wed) M Perry (Dundee Utd)

Central defenders U Ehlogu (Aston Villa) S Pressley (Dundee Utd)

Midfield players P Berger (Liverpool) M Gayle (Wimbledon) S McManaman (Liverpool) D Windass (Aberdeen)

E Ekoku (Wimbledon) I Wright (Arsenal)

Manager R Aitken (Aberdeen)



Ekoku acknowledges the applause for his second goal against Sunderland. His recent form demands ITF consideration



players each week and to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership or Bell's Scottish League sup or belt's scottsn ceague premier division, but you can make transfers only by tele-phone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a \* and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the 0891 866 968 line during the times given. From outside the United Kingdom, call 0044 990 200 668.

you must ensure that the team does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club. If you are lagging behind

the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the prizes — the overall £50,000, monthly £1,000 or weekly £250.

All Interactive Team Football transfer queries should be directed to 0171-757 7016. All other inquiries can be made on 01582 488 122.

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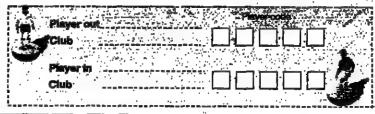
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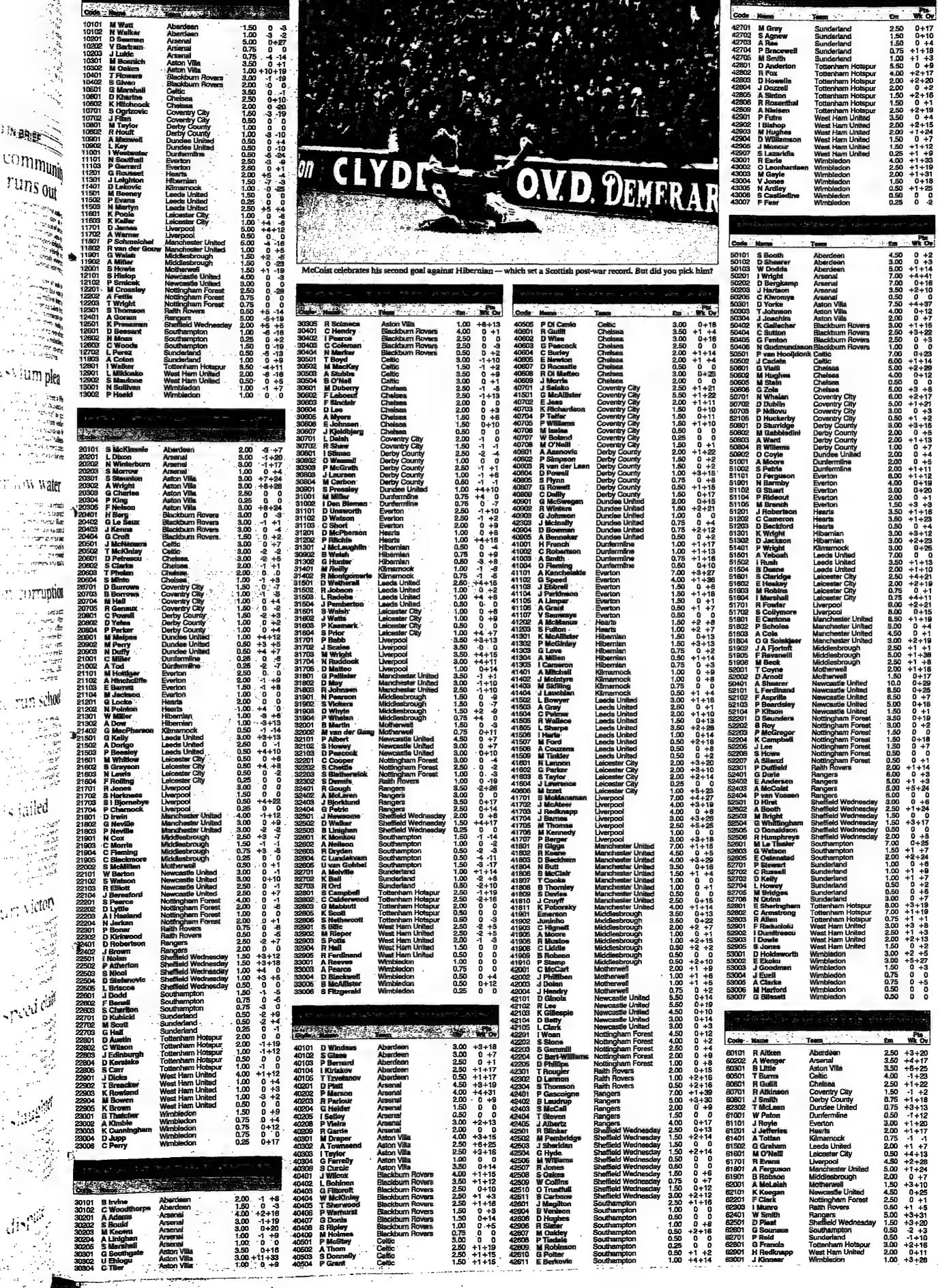
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### NEWS

### Euro money splits Bonn and Paris

France and Germany t failed to patch up their quarrel over the stability pact which is supposed to secure fiscal discipline after the start of European monetary union.

Instead they opened up a new front in the campaign for a more tightly integrated Europe. In a joint open letter to the Irish presidency they urged that the principal of "flexibility", which allows fast integrators to move forward, be extended from foreign policy to areas such as common immigration, visa and asylum decisions..... ... Pages 1, 8, 13

### Judge praises machete heroine

A nursery nurse who was stabbed repeatedly as she shielded children from a machete-wielding man who ran amok during a Teddy Bears picnic was commended for her bravery by a judge ...

### Willetts dispute

A Commons disciplinary hearing to decide the political future of David Willetts, the Paymaster General, broke up as MPs argued over his punishment........ Page 1

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Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare won cross-party support in the House of Lords to press forward with his plans to give women equal rights to succeed to the throne.....

### Cancer and diet

British scientists have discovered why a diet rich in carrots, green vegetables and fruit may prevent

### **Busy day**

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Ministers have scaled down ambitious plans to coax bored teenagers back into education by offering all 14-year-olds the chance of a day a week out of school..

### Stripped down

Financial crisis has struck another of Britain's historic treasures. Receivers are seeking a buyer and benefactor to save magazine, for the nation .. Page 5 Organisation ...

### Thames bridge vote

The Royal Academy announced that the public had voted 2-1 in favour of a 35-storey tower in its competition for an inhabited bridge to be built across the \_Page 10

### Navigation danger

A new air navigation system designed to allow commercial airliners to fly with pinpoint accuracy anywhere in the world could be flawed \_\_\_\_\_ Page 11

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harshest political campaign since the aftermath of the suppression of pro-democracy demonstrations in Tiananmen Square..... Page 12

An increasingly damaging rift between the US and France over the future command of Nato's southern military headquarters is undermining restructuring of the .. Page 13

### Silver hoard

Police in India have seized half a tonne of silver in raids on the homes of a politician, arrested for alleged fraud.... .... Page 14

### Rights at work

A quarrel over efforts to impose human rights in the global workplace pitted Britain against the United States and France, souring the start of the first ministeri-Health & Efficiency, the naturist al session of the World Trade

### Scientist sues for loss of cold snaps

A scientist asked a court that Boots pay the £30,000 cost of an the high street chain. Dr Barry Matthews claims that the 36 shots he took at Franz Joseph Land are essential for his research on climactic change. He is suing for the cost of leading a six-man team back to the Arctic .....



Jacques Chirac and Helmut Kohl wave to crowds in the streets of Nuremberg before discussions on the European single currency. Page 13

Inflation aubdued: A surprisingly favourable set of inflation figures has diminished the chances of a base rate rise \_\_\_\_\_Page 25

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Floats pulled: Friday's stock market crash claimed its first victims as northern stockbrokers Wise Speke and public house chain Discovery Inns both pulled plans to float on the Stock Exchange ...... Page 25 Markets: The FTSE 100 closed up

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Football: Brighton, the bottom club in the Football League, was fined two points after two pitch invasions by protesting supporters at the Goldstone Ground ...... Page 48

International choice: England selected Jeremy Guscott on the wing for the game against Argentina and picked Nick Beal, of Northampton, at full back. Wales called up two newcomers to face South

Cricket: Andrew Caddick and Ronnie Irani are fighting for a place in the England team for the first Test match against Zimbabwe. Page 44

General: Wales and western parts

of England should be mostly dry with

some brightness. Most other parts of England will begin dull and misty with

some persistent fog, especially in the Midlands and the North.

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Get it right: If parents must go to

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better learn how to behave so as not

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More harm than good: Should

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Slobodan Milosevic has mocked international opinion, threatened his neighbours, and evaded responsibility for the terrible war crimes of ex-Yugoslavia. But it ble in deflecting the anger of his own public who have provided a radical challenge to his pretensions to remain at the helm of his - ABC, Madrid country

### TYLISTINGS

Preview: The Yorkshire Ripper's crimes may go further than he has admitted. Network First (ITV; 10.40pm). Review: Lynne Truss on 

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### Traded away

The WTO should stick to its ambitious core task of making trade rules and making them stick; and America should be helping, instead of diverting it down a political cul-Page 19

### Lanark lesson

The most practical point to be made is prosaic. Individuals can limit the risk to health by buying, storing and cooking food with all care, and even in a country as regulated as Britain, tragic error can still mock ..Page 19 honest effort...

Trucker's phrase book In the new world, a trucker has to be a patient diplomat and sociologist; to be a simple lorry-driver is

### COLUMN

The real miracle of reading is a simple daily one: the relationship between the lone browsing reader and the book, picked up by accident, which changes a life. Page 19 WOODROW WYATT

When Basildon voters were asked by MORI whether Britain should join the single currency, 64 per cent were against and only 20 per cent were in favour. Answering a question about whether the EU should continue to move towards political and monetary union, 69 per cent were against and a mere 15 per cent were in favour ...

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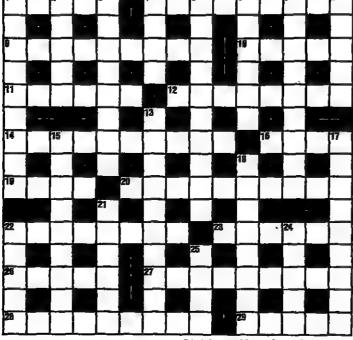
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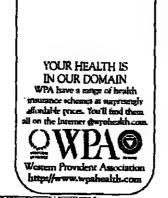
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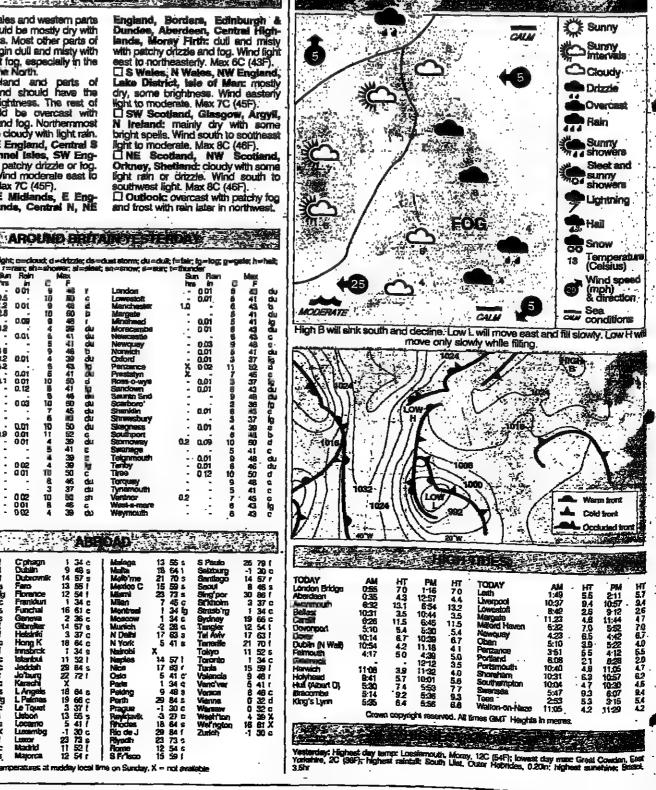
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TUESDAY DECEMBER 10 1996

# Lang sends Bass's £200m Carlsberg deal to MMC

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE £200 million takeover by Bass of its rival brewer Carlsberg-Tetley hung in the balance yesterday after lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, referred the proposed deal to the Monopolies and Mergers

The takeover has already run into opposition from unions concerned about further job cuts in brewing and rival companies worried by Bass's growing power in the beer market. Merging the two companies

would create the largest brewer in the UK, controlling about 38 per cent of the market, up from Bass's cent of the market, up from mass's current 23 per cent. Bass would own the two biggest-selling lager brands— its present Carling Black Label and Carlsberg-Tetley's Carlsberg.

Bass will not say how many job would go after a tie-up of the two companies, but insists that none of Carlsberg.

T's breweries would be shut. Unions fear that up to 2,000 jobs would go. The MMC report is due by the end of March, but the City believes that Mr Lang might defer a final

embarrassment of job cons - until after the general election, due to be held by the end of May.

Analysts expect the MMC to approve the deal, but to force Bass to

sell hundreds of tied pubs and reduce its brand portfolio. Bass said that it was disappointed with the decision, but hopes for a speedy resolution to the MMC inquiry. Bass added that it believed more jobs would be sale at both companies if the takeover is ap-

proved. Bass last week announced

plans to create 7,000 jobs in a £670 million investment programme. The company stands to lose up to

£60 million if the takeover does not go through - in spite of having put a get-out clause in the original deal with Allied Domecu. Bass has the option to sell on Allied's former stake to Carlsberg for £1{0 million, Allied will also repay Bass £30 million and maintain a 15 per cent stake in the company.

Mr Lang's decision at first sent Bass shares lower, but they closed up 1412p at 80312p after Bass

US hatel company over the sale of some of its Holiday Inn hotels in North America. Bass is thought to be considering selling, to Bristol Hotels, about 50 of the 81 Holiday Inn Worldwide hotels Bass owns directly. Most of the 2,000-strong Holiday Inn chain is franchised. ☐ Bass yesterday agreed to extend its deal to sponsor the FA Carling Premiership for another four years, paying £9 million a year for the pleasure. The deal, lasting until June 2001, was won against

Sponsors.

We were in discussion with several other companies and there could have been even more money on the table," said Rick Parry, chief executive of the Premier League. "But the clubs wanted continuity. It has been an excellent partnership between Carling and ourselves and the clubs were unanimous in voting

> Pennington, page 27 Parry's last deal, page 48

# Inflation fall eases fears of rate rise

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

able set of inflation figures yesterday lengthened the odds on a base rate rise when the Chancellor meets the Governor of the Bank of England tomorrow.

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The pound's sharp appreciation of more than 10 per cent against a basket of currencies since August has fed rapidly through into dramatically lower prices for imports of raw materials, depressing industry's costs.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said the figures were spectacularly good. In testimony to the Treasury Select Committee he appeared to dampen the chance of a rate rise because of sterling's strength. He said: "West Midlands manufacturers are not bounding up asking for a rate rise as a response to the

strength of sterling." The latest figures from the Office for National Statistics show that producer input prices plunged 3.2 per cent in November. This left input prices down 5.5 per cent against a year ago, compared with a year-on-year decline in

Output prices, which measure the price of goods as they leave the factory gates, were unchanged in November, but this meant that the annual rate of output price inflation fell to 2.1 per cent in November compared with 2.3 per cent a month earlier. The annual rate of core output price infla-tion — which excludes food, drink, tobacco and petroleum - fell to only 0.8 per cent, the

lowest level since 1967. Angela Knight, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said the latest figures suggested good news on retail prices in the months ahead. Today's low inflation at the factory gate is tomorrow's good news for prices in the shops," she said. Simon Briscoe, economist at Nikko Europe, said that hopes of good news on retail prices would be resurrected after these figures and that underly-

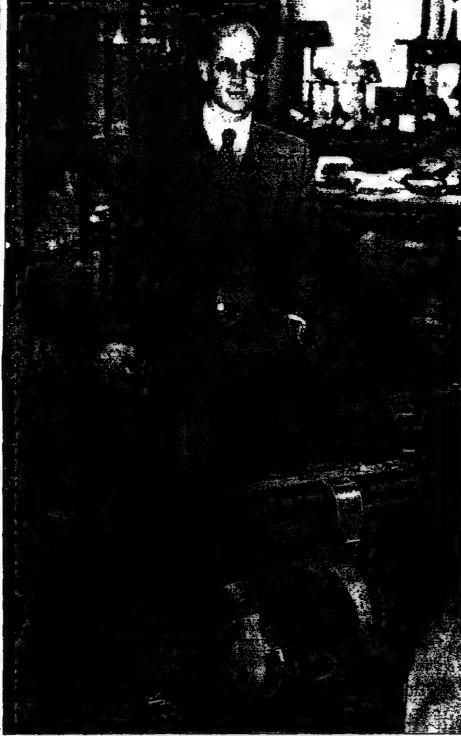
A SURPRISINGLY favour- ing inflationary pressures look set to stay low for some time. He said that the latest figures support the view of the Trea-sury and the Bank of England that underlying inflation should reach the 2.5 per cent

target by the end of next year. against a rate rise this week was the latest retail sales monitor from the British Retail Consortium (BRC), which showed that retail sales growth had slowed in November to its lowest rate of The value of sales was up 4.9 per cent year on year, compared with an annual rise in October of 5.9 per cent.

The BRC report appeared to confirm the picture of slower growth painted by the CBI's distributive trades survey last week, which also showed that intense competition among retailers was keeping a lid on prices. Even before yester-day's data, the City had virtually ruled out a rate rise at tomorrow's monetary meeting. Of 21 economists surveyed by Reuters, not one predicted a rate move this week, although 18 of the 21 expect rates to rise by an average of a quarter

point by the election. The consensus against rate rise this week hardened after last week's testimony by Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, before the Treasury Select Commit-tee. He said that Mr Clarke had been "up with the game" when he raised rates by a quarter point in October. He also said that while the Bank would like to see higher rates in due course it is not looking

for a dramatic or urgent move. The Chancellor and the Governor will have access to the latest retail prices figures — published on Thursday — at their meeting tomorrow. Unless they are extremely disappointing - and the City is expecting no change in the main measures of inflation from October - it seems likely that rates will be left on hold.



Case history: Roger Saul, chairman of Mulberry, the AIM leather goods and clothes company, reported a 38 per cent growth in sales this year as it announced an expected interim loss of £480,00 for the half year. It is paying a .75p dividend. Tempus, page 28

# MMC to clear Stagecoach deal

STAGECOACH is set to escape a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission over its takeover of Porterbrook, the rail company.

The go-ahead will turn bosses into instant millionaires. Sandy Anderson, a former BR manager, is to reap a bonus of £40 million from the sale after less than a year's work as managing director at Porterbrook. The Department of Trade and Industry yesterday set out the undertakings that Stagecoach will have to give.

The undertakings, for which Stagecoach signalled approval, call for Chinese walls between the two business and for competitors and regulators to have free access to internal information neces-The DTI invited further comments on a potential referral to the MMC by December

16. Stagecoach is hoping for

approval before Christmas, while the DTI said it would soon make a final decision on whether to refer the deal. The announcement of the Stagecoach bid in the summer

was greeted with scepticism -private monopoly immediate-Rail. Stagecoach is a rail operator, while Porterbrook controls rolling stock.

# Floats shelved in wake Christmas strike threat of stock market slide to NatWest and Lloyds

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

THE stock market fall on Friday claimed its first victims yesterday as Wise Speke, the Northern stockbroker, and Discovery Inns, the public house chain, both pulled out of planned flotations.

Lord Poole, chief executive of Ockham Holdings, the insurance group which wholly owns Wise Speke, said stock market volatility in the three weeks since the float was announced had caused the market in small issues to dry up. Ockham had wanted to cut its stake in Wise Speke to 60 per cent. Analysts said institutional investors had been reluctant to back a privateclient stockbroker in a "frothy" market. Wise Speke, which manages £2:1

billion of assets for 19,000 private clients and employs 250 staff in London, Leeds, Manchester and Newcastle, had been valued at £15 million. Despite the setback, Lord Poole said that the company would seek to introduce a share incentive scheme for senior management at Wise Speke.

Discovery Inns, owned by venture capitalists led by Kleinwort Benson Development Capital, manages 279 pubs, mostly in the South and the Midlands, Paul Smith, chief executive, said that he had hoped to raise £16 million but demand for the issue evaporated during last week. He said: "It's very frustrating when you get to

THE Banking Insurance and Finance Union (Bifu) is arging more than 50,000 of its members to strike in defence of traditional holidays over Christmas. The union is balloting 35,000 staff at Lioyds-TSB and NatWest who are being required to work on Christmas Eve afternoon for the first time. Lloyds-

will be known near Monday. Bifu

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BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

TSB wants to stay open until 4.30pm and NatWest until 3.30pm. NatWest had agreed in October that staff could go home at lunchtime. Bifu is also balloting 16,000 Scottish workers over banks' plans to Anglicise their holiday by replacing the Janu-ary 2 bank holiday with one on Easter Monday. The results of both ballots

must give the banks a week's notice of

Martin Gray, chief executive of Nat-West UK, said: "As an organisation we most remember the commercial realities facing us and many units have confirmed that a substantial number of customers will be looking for a full hanking service on Christmas Eve."

Ed Sweeney, Bifu general secretary, said: "There's no evidence of any costomer demand to pop into a bank on Christmas Eve afternoon. Bank emloyers seem to think they can treat staff like pawns to move around their chess board." Bifu said staff shortages made offers from the banks of time in lieu difficult to arrange. NatWest and Lloyds-TSB have made 47,000 people redundant in the past six years.

# Shares rebound as central banks soothe markets

By Janet Bush and Michael Clark

SHARE PRICES bounced back yesterday after Friday's sharp fails as central bank chiefs from Britain and Germany tried to soothe the fears of the financial markets.

They claimed that markets around the world had overreacted to a warning by Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve, against the "irrational exuberance" that he felt was pushing shares ever higher.

On Priday, the FT-SE 100 index closed down more than 88 points, having registered a loss at one stage of nearly 170. Yesterday, the FT-SE clawed back much of that lost ground to close at its best of the day with a rise of 48.6 at 4,011.6. Wall Street also opened broadly higher, continuing the

rebound from Priday's early bout of selling. As trading resumed after the weekend, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 45.47 to 6,427.1. London has now rallied more than 130 points since its low point on Friday. However, brokers say that the recovery is largely cosmetic, with prices

squeezed higher by stock shortages among blue chios. By the close of business last

night, just 549 million shares

had changed hands. Brokers remain cautious about short-term prospects, fearing further volatility. Inflation figures are due out later this week, and brokers are concerned that further upward pressure could result in another rise in base rates. Government securities also bounced back, with gains reaching E4 at the longer end of the market. The March long gilt

rose £1116 to £1091932, against its Friday low of £1084. At the weekend, Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, said that he thought that markets had overreacted at first but had "soon sorted themselves out".

Hans Tietmeyer, President of the Bundesbank, yesterday aided efforts to calm markets. Speaking in Basle at the monthly meeting of Group of Ten central bank governors, he said that the G10 would watch market developments carefully, but that central bankers felt that market reaction to Mr Greenspan's comments had been excessive.

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### Labour leads

regarded as the political party best for business by small firms, overtaking the Conservatives for the first time, according to a new survey published yesterday. Page 26

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### Sales soar at Ideal Hardware

A surge in demand for networked computer systems lifed profits at Ideal Hardware, the computer data storage company. which yesterday returned record results for the half year to November 1.

The company overcame a reduction in price per gigabyte by increasing its range of support products, allowing it to protect the overall price per unit. Sales were £75.6 million (£60.9 million), leaving pre-tax profits of £3.75 million (£2.93 million).

An increased dividend of 5.2p (4.2p) will be paid on January 10. Its shares closed 12½ p ahead at 650p.

### SCR talks

Border Television, the ITV company covering south-east Scotland and the Isle of Man, said yesterday that it is in talks to buy Sunderland City Radio from Minster Sound Radio, which is 30 per cent owned by GWR, the largest commercial radio group. Border said that an announcement would be made as soon as the outcome of the talks was

### Bartels quits

Peter Bartels, the highestpaid chief executive in Australia, has resigned as head of Coles Myer, the country's largest retailer. Mr Bartels' A\$2.8 million pay package enraged Coles Myer shareholders at last month's annual

### Air plan off

Virgin Express, Richard Branson's airline, has formally abandoned its attempt to acquire Air Liberte, the troubled French carrier that has agreed a rescue deal with British Airways.

### **BICC** venture

BICC, the cable company. is to form a joint venture company with Coming to pursue optical-cable business in the Asia-Pacific region. Biccor, in which BICC will have a 60 per cent stake, will take on all manufacturing in the



Paris Moayedi has seen Jarvis return to the dividend list since the purchase of British Rail's northern maintenance division.

### Jarvis back on the rails for a payout

By CLARE STEWART

THE acquisition of a rail maintenance business from British Rail has produced a quick payback for Jarvis, the construction and facilities management group, enabling the company to pay its first dividend since 1992.

Paris Moayedi, chief execu-tive, declared a L6p interim dividend and £4.4 million pretax profits for the nine months to September 30. Earnings rose from 1.2p to 5.5p.

The strong recovery from the £500,000 it made in its last full year was largely because of a £3.3 million profit contri-bution from Jarvis Facilities. formerly British Rail's Northern Infrastructure Mainte-nance Division which was acquired as part of rail privaisation in June.

Henry Lafferty, finance director, said: "The acquisition has transformed the group." Jarvis Facilities has won new orders worth £40 million frum Railtrack and other groups.

wide range of support for

small enterprise."

The study shows that 32.7 per cent of small firms believe

that a Labour government

would help them, up from 28.9 per cent last year. The number

who feel it would hurt them is

down from 13.9 to 12.1 per cent.

Those who expect Labour to

have little effect is also up,

Seeing this as a clear rejec-tion of the support the Tories

have offered small firms, the

study says this relates to

owner-managers' experience in the recession, with 25 per

cent saying that it is still not over for their firms.

The study says: "if the Labour Party, whose support

for small businesses while

positive is by no means central

to their policies, is perceived as

more likely to help or at least

be neutral by the owner-

appeal of the Conservatives' policies can no longer be

regarded as strong."

from 32.9 to 34.5 per cent.

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### Brussels doubt over **BA-American link**

THE European Commission still has "serious doubts" about the proposed alliance between British Airways and American Airlines, according to reports from Brussels. The forced divestment of slots at Heathrow proposed on Friday does not go far enough, and would not compensate for the possible threat to compenion. The Commission has told the airlines that a link-up would not appear to be in the interests of consumers, and has given them until mid-January to respond. On Friday Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, said BA and American would have to give up 168 take-

off and landing slots at Heathrow if they hoped to proceed.

The proposed link-up is subject to regulatory approval in the United Kingdom and America. BA and American are expected to apply soon for anti-trust immunity for the deal. Mr Lang's preliminary views on the proposals are due to be published in full later this week. British Airways has until January 10 to respond.

Pennington, page 27

### Yule Catto in £21m deal

YULE CATTO is paying E21.5 million to acquire PFW Aroma Chemicals, a Dutch company. PFW is a leading manufacturer of musk and will strengthen Yule Cam's position as a supplier to the flavour and fragrance industry. Last year PFW made profits of £3 million on sales of £20.4 million. It has net assets of about £10.8 million. Alex Walker, Yule Catto's chief executive, said the acquisition would create ample opportunity for future growth.

### Camelot talks soon

PETER DAVIS, the lonery regulator, will hold talks with Camelot soon to try to resolve the impasse over interest on prize fund shortfalls. Camelot, which was allowed to keep more than £6 million in interest last year because less was paid out in prizes than expected, is likely to seek concessions if it gives the money. Under the terms of its licence, Camelot is allowed to keep interest on money set aside for prizes, but not allocated when the level of payout falls short of its target.

### Le Shuttle carries more

THE number of passengers carried by Eurotunnel on its Le Shuttle car train service in November, 142,047, exceeded those carried in the same period last year by 11 per cent despite the closure of the Channel Tunnel for II days during the month. Services were suspended on the night of November 18 when a freight train caught fire. Le Shuttle service starts again this morning, with two departures every three hours, and must be booked in advance.

### Few takers in power bid

ACCEPTANCES have been received for just 4.2 per cent of the ordinary shares in the predatory bid for Northern Electric by Friday when CE Electric, the US bid vehicle led by CalEnergy, raised its offer from 630p to 650p per share. The closing date for acceptances is December 20, imposed by the bidder, which owns more than 29 per cent of Northern Electric. Analysts have been highly cautious about CE Electric's plan because CalEnergy has a "junk" US credit rating.

### API profits leap 30%

API, the specialist packaging and coatings company, reported a 30 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £10.85 million (£8.35 million). The company, which raised £37 million from a placing in May, still has net cash of £10.8 million and is seeking acquisitions. Learnyd, bought in May, contributed £800,000 to profits. Earnings per share increased by 16 per cent to 31.4p. A final dividend of 6.52p will be paid on February 10, increasing the total payout by 10 per cent to 11p.

### Pillar sells properties

PILLAR PROPERTY INVESTMENTS has sold two office properties, Buildings 2 and 3, in Hatfield, Hertfordshire, to British Aerospace for £34.1 million. The price compares with a book value of £35.4 million. The buildings are let to BAe until 2016. The proceeds will be invested in higher performing property such as retail warehouses and office developments. Other acquisitions are under negotiation. Shares in Pillar Property were unchanged at 1912p.

# Labour now seen as best for small business, says study

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LABOUR is seen as the political party best for small business, overtaking the Conservatives for the first time, according to authoritative survey evidence among small firms.

The study suggests that a third of small firms even believe that a Labour government would help their business - and that in spite of the

BY OLIVER AUGUST

ROBERT FLEMING, the in-

vestment bank, yesterday

they are vastly underestimat-

ing the difficulties of creating

monetary union will happen

despite the current political

grumblings but the economic

The City is assuming that

a single currency.

warned fund managers that

single currency, the vast ma-jority of small firms see a single currency as irrelevant.

They regard Labour as best for their business, evidence from the small business research centre at Kingston University shows. Although a number of organisations try to keep track of the business and small firms' vote, the Kingston University centre is widely

obstacles are increasingly for-midable, according to David Marsh, director of European

strategy. He said: "The imped-

iments are huge, people seem to forget that. Most countries

remain a long way off from

meeting the convergence

Maastricht treaty the 15 EU

member countries have in-

in the five years since the

criteria.

is now seen as the best political party for small firms by 29.7 per cent, the survey shows, with 26.1 per cent citing the Conservatives as best.

This reverses the findings of all previous annual Kingston studies, and is a turnround from last year's survey, which showed 20.2 per cent of small firms rating the Tories as best

creased borrowings by \$2,000 billion. taking indebtedness

from 55 per cent of GDP to 71

per cent, well above the 60 per

In a research document pub-

lished yesterday, Mr. Marsh

says: "There is a risk that the

entire monetary union process

could be derailed, with a return

to exchange rate anarchy and

go-it-alone economic policies.

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Flemings foresees monetary anarchy

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clining as the general election

nears and after sustained

pushes for small business

support by both parties. But the report says: "Labour has

made greater headway than

It concludes: "This is re-

markable, given the claims of

the Conservatives."

and staly." He predicts Europe will look the same five years from now. Germany is to convert its stock of debt from marks into euros from the start of 1999, according to a report citing Handelsblatt newspaper.

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# Homestake wins Santa Fé for \$2.3bn

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

HOMESTAKE MINING. a San Francisco-based mining group, is taking over Santa re Pacific Gold Corp in a \$2.3 billion deal that will create a group with the largest gold reserves in north America.

The new company will be the second largest gold producer in America, with 17 mines in four countries, including Canada and Australia as well as the United

Homestake's agreed takeover offer topped a bid made last week by Newmont Min-ing of \$15.55 a share, worth \$2 billion.

Homestake's \$17.42-ashare offer is a 47 per cent premium to Santa Fè's share

The deal with Homestake is part of the consolidation sweeping through the US

price last Wednesday, before

the Newmont offer, which was rejected by the board of Santa

mining industry.

Homestake said it would achieve economies of scale by

merging administrative oper-ations. It would also gain a boost to its exploration activities for new fields. In the last two years, Santa

Fe has signed contracts for a huge goldfield in Kazakstan and rights in Nevada, where is already has mines. It is also valuable to Homestake because of its proprietary flo-tation process for extracting gold from ore.

### Oftel may let BT set some charges

OFTEL, the telecoms regulator, published proposals yes-terday to allow British Telecom more freedom to set interconnection charges — fees paid by competitors to complete calls on BT's network.

The proposals are part of Oftel's continuing effort to let the market, not price caps, determine BT's prices as competition grows. Competitors such as Mercury Communica tions have complained that interconnection charges — up to 50 per cent of an operator's costs, are too high and not based on actual costs. Mercury welcomed Oftel's proposal to lift constraints on some interconnection charges.

### Slough claims victory in shops battle

SLOUGH ESTATES, the property group headed by Sir Nigel Mobbs, has claimed victory in its long legal battle concerning two rival shopping centres with Welwyn Hatfield District Council (Clare Stew-

Late yesterday the council armounced that it was withdrawing its appeal against the High Court judgment that in July awarded Slough Estates 149 million damages. Welwyn Hatfield Council

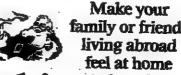
has already paid £10 million to Slough Estates. Last night neither side was available for comment but talks over payment of the full amount were said to be under way.

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IAN LANG is a wily political

operator. Not being as laisser faire as his predecessor as Presi-

dent of the Board of Trade, Michael Heseltine, his natural inclination would be to block

Bass's purchase of Carlsberg Tetley. But by the same token, the general election is at best a few

months, and at worst a few days, off. Bass has been a good friend to

the Tories in the past and the

Tories need all the friends they

can get now.
Mind you the merger would

mean large-scale job cuts in Burton-on-Trent, which would not

he good in the run-up to an election. So he has referred the

whole thing to Monopolies and Mergers Commission which should take long enough for it to end up being Margaret Beckett's

problem (assuming she is not moved sideways in Tony Blair's

When Mrs Beckett gets to mult the matter over, she will be

presented with strong arguments in favour of both blocking the deal

and for letting it through. Let's take the latter first.

Bass is putting forward the argument that, as Scottish & Newcastle was allowed to buy

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NATIONAL Parking Corporation, the NCP car parks to vehicle recovery group, aunounced a 15.7 per cent increase in operating profits to £25.5 million as it reported interim results for the first The change comes as the group prepares for a full stock market listing within two years. NPC, in which founders Sir Donald Gosling and Ron-ald Hobson hold a 73 per cent

stake, was the subject of a Mackenzie cost savings failed management buyout two years ago. At present, its

£230 million loan arranged last year. The group has more than 520 car parks under the NCP brand in the UK. Bob Mackenzie, chief executive, said that first half torniones less

because of the reduction in the number of car parks as poorerperforming sites were sold. New car parks are sched-

uled to open before the end of the financial year, and the group also hopes to lift its 12 per cent market share through the acquisition of council and local authority car parks.

Mr Mackenzie said flaat significant cost savings are being realised with the introduction of automated systems to handle administration and accounting. The changes have led to the loss of around 200 jobs within the division.

Green Flag, NPC's madside assistance division formerly known as National Breakdown, lifted turnover 7 per cent, with profits also ahead. NPC is raising the interim dividend 25 per cent to 2.5p.

# Lang passes the poisoned pint

☐ Beckett may have to cut competition teeth on Bass ☐ Bears react like a bull at a gate ☐ Another glitch for Ayling

nominal rule flat you are re-ferred if a deal gives you more than a quarter of the market is under the same umbrella, giving ferred if a deal gives you more than a quarter of the market is bunk. Therefore it should be allowed to expand, even though the resulting deal will mean that over 80 per cent of Britain's beer is brewed by just three

Bass also argues that the British drinks market has changed beyond all recognition since the Beer Orders of 1989, with the untied pubs having much more power and about 10 per cent of all beer being imported across the Channel. So having market share does not matter if way do not have the matter if you do not have the product and the marketing to

support them.

Debunking this argument is easy, For a start Bass already has easy, For a start Bass aiready has a 23 per cent share; and adding Carlsberg-Tetley's 14 per cent will give it quite a lot more than Scotlish Courage. Parts of the UK, notably Scotland and the North-East, will have the situation where two brewers comBass something approaching a 50 per cent market share of the beverage of choice of non-middle class football fans.

Bass has said it will drop the deal if the MMC says it should sell any of its major brands. But if Margaret Beckett is to prove that under Labour competition policy will have teeth, she has to call Bass's bluff and make it sell something major, such as Tennants or Carlsberg.

### Correction, hold that correction

UWALL STREET'S inevitable correction has suffered an embarrassing false start. Traders in the Far East and in London, where shares fell an average 4.2 per cent before lunch on Friday, overreacted to Thurs-day night's warnings of "irrational exuberance" from Alan

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Federal Reserve Board, Outsiders have argued for months that Wall Street was overvalued. After a near-70 per cent rise in share prices in two years, US blue chips had outpaced any possible rise in their "true" value. Some evidently thought Mr

interest rate rise to forestall asset price inflation spilling over into spending and borrowing. In reality, Mr Greenspan does not think the US economy needs or would benefit from a rate rise, so he tried to talk markets down.

The latest Merrill Lynch Gal-lup global survey shows that Japanese and British fund man-

agers were already bearish about their own markets, unlike continentals. Faced with having to react to Mr Groenspan before his home audience, they assumed the worst.

Bulls who have made Wall Street overvalued, and want to keep it that way, could by contrast point to the intrinsic hollowness of Mr Greenspan's warning and call his bluff. If he was not thinking of a rate rise, he was removing the biggest threat to the onward rush of the

Dowlones average.

If a stock market trend has gathered momentum, as Wall Street's boom certainly has, it takes more than a man with a red flag to stop it, even if that man has the ultimate power to make his wishes count. But the uptrend will eventually crack.

Even in a putative golden age of steady growth, low inflation and interest rates, short-term gains rush too far ahead of trend and have to be corrected. That may come within weeks or even porate profit growth will disap-point, and might prime 10 per cent off the US average.

Long-term investors on Wall Street will take this in their stride. UK investors have a more pressing domestic agenda.

### Writing on the wall

DSIX MONTHS have passed since British Airways announced its triumphal link-up with American Airlines, and what is there to show for it? The stream-ers and flags have long since blown away in a hurricane of protest, and the bones that remain are flexing dangerously before the blast. Certainly, consumers are no closer to reaping

For Bob Ayling, BA's chief executive, the regulatory tussles are just another glitch in an extraordinarily difficult year. The Gatwick pay dispute, the threatrow baggage fiasco each beaped fresh woes on the shoulders of The World's Favourite Airline. At the beart of it is the contempt At the heart of it is the contempt in which BA's 55,000 employees hold the BA management, and the luckless Ayling in particular. The Step Change programme, with its goal of shedding 5,000 jobs to save £1 billion, was never going to make friends, but the level of vitriol is astonishing, all the same. Anti-Ayling graffiti are rife. "BA's no good for BA" is one of the politer examples.

BA has taken to holding weekly workshops with staff, but this may not be enough. The fear is that Mr Ayling will remain isolated in his ivory tower, oblivi-ous to the tide of discontent rising below. Graffiti may turn out to be the least of his problems.

### In one bound, free

□ LIKE Batman, caught by the Penguin, Stagecoach appears to be able to elude the clutches of those who wish it harm. Yes-terday it was asked for a whole raft of undertakings to avoid a monopolies reference on the purchase of train owner Porterbrook. Those given, its unfettered growth will carry on until we all end up going to work on some-thing owned by Stagecoach.

# BBA pays £175m for American aviation engineer

BBA, the industrial group, has acquired an American aerospace engineering business for Ell2 million in a move to exploit growth potential in the corporate aviation market. As part of the deal, BBA will

also pay off £63 million in debt. The acquisition, Interna-tional Airmotive, is based in Dallas and services engines of small to medium-size aircraft, mainly corporate jets. BBA expects its market to grow by 5. per cent a year. The previous owners were bought out 18 months ago by a management team, which will be kept in place by BBA.

Roberto Quarta, BBA chief executive, said: "International Airmotive is an attractive opportunity, having a leading position in the US business aviation repair and overhaul market and a strong manage ment team. With its high engineering content, International Airmotive will enable BBA to create an important bridge between BRA's existing

ceuticals company, yesterday

attempted to calm fears that it

is about to abandon its UK

flotation, which was supposed to have been completed in

A spokesman denied mar-

ket speculation that the flota-

tion, designed to raise about £25 million, might be can-

celled but left open the possi-

bility that it could be scaled

back. He said Xenova should

know the results of the equity

placing by Thursday.
It's taken a little bit longer

than we had hoped, but I'm

confident that the issue will be

successfully completed," he asaid. Xenova, based in Slough,

Berkshire, was founded in 1987 and specialises in the

development of drugs from

naturally occurring micro-or-ganisms. It has said its first

By CLARE STEWART

shares are quoted on Offex.

Pre-tax profits for the six

months to October were £20.7 million (£21 million), reflecting the cost of the special dividend

paid in 1995 and interest on the

November.



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aviation manufacturing and servicis activities."

International Airmotive has two principle subsidiaries. Its Dallas Airmotive is one of the world's largest independent turbine overhaul and repair providers for the business aviation market. It eaters for both fixed-wing and helicopter customers and is set to receive approval to service the latest neration of small jet engines. The business's International

market by the year 2000.

The company obtained a listing on the Nasdaq market

in America in 1994 at \$6.60 a

share, raising \$10 million, and

later completed two additional placings at \$4 and \$3.75. The

shares were trading yesterday at just over \$3.50. Greig Mid-

dleton, the stockbroker, is

sponsoring the London

☐ Shares of Celitech, the bio-

technology company, rose 122p to 500p yesterday after it

reported "encouraging" climical results of CMA 676, its

lenkaemia drug.

Chiroscience said the US

Food and Drug Administra-

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levobupivacaine, a long-acting

local anaesthetic. Chiroscience

shares closed at 329p. up 11p.

NPC prepares for listing

with upbeat first interims

Xenova seeks to

calm float fears

By Eric Reguly XENOVA, the biopharma- products should reach the Turbine. Services subsidiary has Federal Aviation Authority approval to recondition used aerospace engines.

The acquisition, expected to be completed early next year, requires regulatory approval in the US and contractual approvals. BBA said that the equisition would be paid in cash from existing resources.
International Airmotive made pre-tax profits of £3 million on sales of £91.6 million for the nine and a half

months to December 31 1995. BBA has also completed the acquisition of Corovin Group, a German engineer. The business, based in Lower Saxony, is intended to be a BBA foot-hold in Germany. Corovin has a strong presence in emerging markets such as Thailand, South Africa and India and should help BBA to push into these. BBA said the acquisition is costing it DM92. million and the assumption of debt on a consolidated basis of no more than DM86 million.

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Data sees

profits slip BY FRASER NELSON

**ELECTRONIC Data Process** 

ing has declared its lowest

annual profits for six years

after a decline in hardware margins and heavy spending.

of El.78 million, on research

and development. Pre-tax

profits fell to £2.5 million,

However, significant new

orders for the company's software products prompted a sharp rise in the share price,

which closed up 13p from the year's low, at 72's p.

EDP gained £513,000 from

interest on its £7 million cash

pile. The company said that, for the past two years, it had

been looking to spend the

money on an acquisition; but

dividend of 1.533p, due on April

7, makes a total of 2.2p (1.5p).

could not agree on prices. Earnings per share were 6.64p (7.53p). An increased final

from £3.1 million.

# Carclo shares plummet

SHARES of Carcio, the metal and engineering group, staged their sharpest one-day fall in the company's 29 years on the stock market after giving warning it could not foresee an end to the slump in its core stainless steel market (Fraser Nelson writes).

While Cardo returned an expected decline in pre-tax profits to £7.12 million (£8.2 million) for the six months to September 30, analysis had

been expecting news of a recovery in its markets. The shares plunged from 2Slp to close at a four-year low of 202½p. Ian Williamson, chief executive, said the tough market conditions look set to continue to the year end. He added that the strength of sterling would wipe a further £500,000 from its profits. Earnings shrank to 8.3p per share (9.2p) as the interim dividend,

### Microvitec warning

SHARES in Microvitec tumbled by more than 25 per cent yesterday as the computer equipment company said that this year's profits will be "signifi-cantly below expectations". This was the company's second profits warning in four months. Announcing its interim results in August, it disclosed problems at a Canadian subsidiary and the collapse of a business partner. Microvitec said second-half results

are likely to show a loss because of the slower than expected transition to and market acceptance of new product ranges. It said it was confident that it is well positioned to benefit from future

growth in its markets. Last year, Microvitec made pre-tax profits of £3.4 million. This year its shares have fallen from a peak of 714 p to yesterday's close of 2012 p. it made £1.6 million in the first half.

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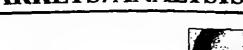
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# Cadbury Schweppes dips as index bounces back

CADBURY SCHWEPPES. the soft drinks and confectionery group, came under selling pressure in a rising market as brokers began to downgrade their profit estimates.

Cadbury finished just 7p above its low for the year after losing 912p to 477p. In October the shares were trading at about520p. This latest fall has been prompted by a series of meetings with brokers. It seems there is little positive news for the group to report. Trading conditions remain difficult, especially in the US where the group is competing for market share with PepsiCo and Coca-Cola.

Almost three million Cadbury shares changed hands in a market where traders normally only quote a price in 50,000 at a time.

Elsewhere in the food sector. Tate & Lyle finished 7p lower at 458p after going exdividend. Other stocks to go ex included United Utilities, down 1312p at 590p, and 3i 12p easier at 483p. But they failed to hold back the rest of the equity market which now appears to have fully recovered from the comments by Alan Greenspan, US Federal Reserve chairman, about Wall Street on Friday.

The FT-SE 100 index bounced back along with other financial markets to close at its best of the day with a rise of 48.6 at 4,011.6. It has now risen more than 100 points from Friday's low point.

Prices were squeezed higher in thin trading on strong performances overnight in the Far East and a firm start to trading on Wall Street. By the close of business, a total of 549 million shares had changed hands, but brokers in London remain cautious about shortterm prospects and further

This week's Barnsley byelection and tomorrow's monthly economic meeting between Kenneth Clarke, the George, Governor of the Bank of England, could send investors scurrying for cover.

Bass shrugged off the news

that its proposed acquisition of Carlsberg-Tetley has been referred to the Monopolles and Mergers Commission by finishing the day 1412p higher at 80312p. The move had been rumoured in the City since Bass paid £200 million for Allied Domecq's 50 per cent stake in the joint venture with Carisberg. Bass is now offer-



Another good year from Mike Smith at API, steady at 700p

ing Carlsberg £20 million. plus 20 per cent of its equity

for the balance. Speculation about possible hid activity in the banking sector continued. This time the talk suggests Royal Bank of Scotland has been in talks with the Woolwich Building Society. The claims have been vehemently denied by the Woolwich which is still press-

were forthcoming from Merrill Lynch, Société Générale Strauss Turnbull and Kleinwort Benson, the brokers. There was also heavy turnover in the warrants with the 1997 climbing 412p to 2012p. The 1998 series was 14p firmer at 41 ap as 818,141 were traded.

Heavy turnover was also recorded in GEC as brokers

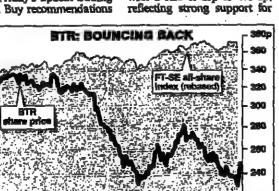
Premier Farnell fell 24p to 6924p as NatWest Securities downgraded from a "buy" to "add". The group has long-term attractions but the dollar's weakness has led it to downgrade its profit forecasts for the next three years: by £2 million to £145 million for next year, and by £7 million to £207 million the following year.

ing ahead with a stock market listing. Royal Bank of Scotland hardened 12p to 517p.

Abbey National was another firm market adding 100 at 6910. Its name continues to be linked with Prudential Corporation, up 41 ap at

BTR ran up 11 ap to 249p on turnover of 13 million shares aftert Friday's upbeat trading report. Buy recommendations

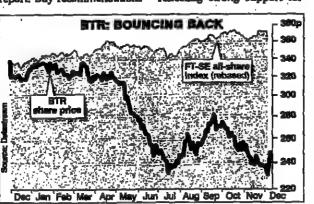
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reconsidered Friday's figures and the consequences of the review being carried out by George Simpson, the group's new chief executive. The price rose 5p to 36812p as seven million shares were traded.

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with a rise of 25p to 47612p,



on Wall Street, where the group has been enjoying something of a rerating.

Microvitec lost more than a quarter of its £22 million stock market value as the share price dived 712p to 20p after the company announced that profits will be "significantly" below expectations.

Digital Animations Group fell 14p to 861 ap after giving warning that delays in launching Steel Legions, its first computer game, will hit firsthalf profits. API Group, the packaging and coatings specialist where Mike Smith is chief executive, held steady at 700p after recording its fourth consecutive improvement in annual profits. Profits at the pre-tax level rose 30 per cent to a record £10.85 million. The group was also bullish about

Greycoat, the property developer, slipped 2p to 154p as Moorfields Estates abandoned its bid after failing to reach agreement over price. Moorfields closed <sup>1</sup>ap dearer

A profits setback during the first half left Carclo Engineering nursing a fall of 4812p at 20212p. It blamed the fall on problems at its Lee Steel division and is gloomy about trading prospects generally. But a slide in profits failed to dampen Electronic Data Processing. It ended 13p stronger

Sage Group, the computer software specialist, was a firm market, climbing 1312p to 51812p before full-year figures this morning. GILT-EDGED: The Lon-

don market clawed back most of Friday's losses with the help of firmer overseas bond markets. In thin trading prices were squeezed higher to close near their best of the day. In the futures pit, the March

That compares with the low of 32,000 contracts were com-Treasury 8 per cent 2015 put on £34, closing at £1021516, while among shorter-dated

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# BBA's perfect landing

was forced to scupper its bid for Lucas last summer. Its Christmas present is an aeroengineering business based in Dallas. International Airmotive has none of Lucas's kudos. but it is an elegant fit. It will counterbalance BBA's strength in the business aviation service sector with a new emphasis on engine work. Roberto Quarta, the native New Yorker who is BBA's chief executive, wants to create a one-stop shop for corporate jet pilots. Engine troubles will be solved while the cabin is vacuumed. This is a long way from the glam-our of Lucas — but this will actually work.

Lucas was twice the size of BBA and Mr Quarta was rightly told by shareholders to get his jets off George Simpson's lawn. Mr Simpson has since moved on and so has BBA. Rather than trying to bolt the Lucas house on

BBA has scaled back its ambitions since it to the BBA garage. Mr Quarta is now singing the synergies song. Combining the sites of BBA and International Airmotive across America should improve both the geographical coverage and the customer base. There are also plans for joint engine, fuel, aircraft maintenance and marketing programmes.

But Mr Quarta still has not achieved the goal set by his shareholders: giving BBA focus after the near-death experience from which he saved the group.

He has neatly assembled three divisions in which BBA is a leading world player: aviation, friction materials and non-woven textiles, each with sales of about £400 million. However, the group's electrical products division is half the size and much more messy than the other three. "Spare no Quarta" still has work to do.

wind once more.

### Carclo

AFTER decades of sailing through recession, market downturns and bikes in the price of raw materials, Carclo has been becalmed by a new, strange phenomenon: ollapse in the price of s steel.

recently, the price of d's native metal plotenviably straight Carclo's shares have d suit, dinging with around the market

Now, with the shine quickly fading from the stainless steel market, all bets for Carclo's future are off. Now is not the time to test nerves in the City, and the company has lost 20 per cent of its market value as a result.

However, it is not staring into the abyss. Its problems stem from stainless steel buyers who have been runmarket, prices will remain shaky and Cardo's margins will remain razor thin. But private steel reserve cannot last forever. When the buyers are eventually forced back to the market, prices will recover and

ning down their own re-

serves since the market

started shaking six months

ago. Until they return to the

The lessons will, however. not be forgotten. Investors now know that the company's progress is dictated by an unpredictable market. Even after stainless steel prices recover, Carclo's rating must now take this newuncertainty

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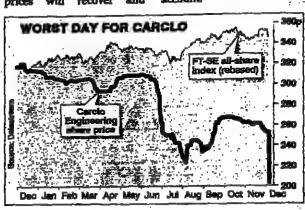
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### Mulberry

MULBERRY, the leather goods and clothes group, has its sights set on world domination. From its picturesque base in Somerset, the group wants to become a homegrown Gucci, in other words brand name that wellheeled consumers will snap up from Shepton Mailet to

It appears to be making all the right moves. Sales are strongly ahead this year and its new shop in Bond Street is besting forecasts and expectd to be profitable in its first

With the traditionally stronger second half to come. including the current Christmas spending spree, a first-half loss of £480,000 is in line with expectations.

The group is looking for more UK outlets, is focusing on Germany as a new key market and has linked up with Moonbat, a large Japanese fashion retailer, to open six stores. Mulberry floated

on the AIM in May, arriving with a £30 million price tag. With a 25-year track record before going public, Mulberry has already carved its niche in the United King-

For the full year Mulberry's house brokers are looking for profits of £2.4 million with earnings of 8.1p and a total dividend of 2p. Fuelling growth will be the increased sales income from the UK and overseas markets, as well as the benefits of the recent investment in production facilities at its Somerset

The shares, floated at 153p, have touched a high of 188p this year but promise further growth as the Mulberry ripens and makes its name.

### Ockham

OCKHAM Holdings should have been relieved yesterday when markets rallied after Friday's six-hour wobble. But its anxiety attack seemed to worsen as the FT-SE moved

back through 4,000 and it deferred the flotation of Wise

Or maybe it had found a good excuse to pull the float. It has found that institutional investors wanted nothing to do with a private client stockbroker ahead of a bear market, something it surely could have worked out three weeks ago.

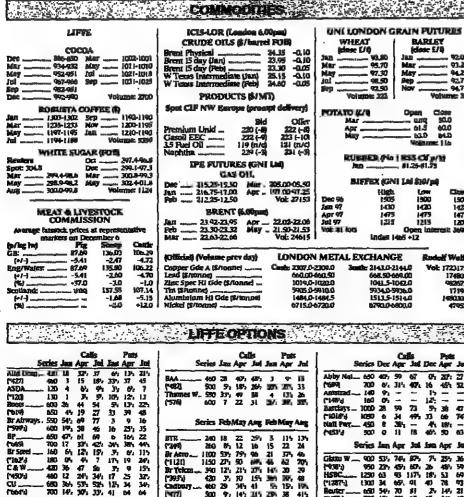
Ockham says it can still set up a share option scheme to incentivise Wise Speke staff and, after the sale of its aviation and non-marine Lloyd's insurance business to ACE. will have sufficient capital to back any Wise Speke expansion plans.

So why bother? If it was right to float Wise Speke in November, what has changed since then? Either Ockham is holding something back or it has made a hasty decision.

Either way, private investors are unlikely to be impressed by a company that retreats after a six-hour fall in markets.

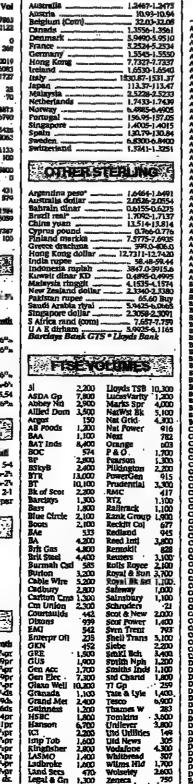
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### Chancellor in hock

ON THE fifth anniversary of the Maastricht treaty yesterday, a director at Robert Fleming was trying desperately to settle a bet with Helmut Kohl, the David Marsh, director

of European strategy at the private bank, shook hands with Kohl in December 1991, staking his claim that Britain would never be drawn into monetary union, if it should happen at all. In the lobby of the Golden Talip Hotel, they settled on six bottles of wine from the loser's home ground. Marsh tried in vain yesterday to remind Kohl, but the Chancellor was with President Chirac in Nuremberg. "We last met in 1993, and I drank a bottle with him then," Marsh moans. "So he still owes me five."

### Called to the bar

WHERE were staff at the Office of Fair Trading hiding last Friday when lan Lang was delivering his long awaited speech on the British Airways-American Airlines alliance? Surprisingly, the press office at the OFT wasn't even aware that the President of the Board of Trade had spoken at all.

What's more, when a call was put through to the. mergers secretariat, no one was at home. A voice from a neighbouring department politely ex-plained that it was a member of staff's last day in the office, so they were all in a nearby pub.



by British Rail. A commuter on the North London Railways line into Euston yesterday claims to have heard the best gag so far this season. "We apologise for the overcrowding. This is due to a sudden influx of

### Cards to take off

BRITISH AIRWAYS is launching a prepaid inter-national telephone card that it claims could halve the normal cost, of your telephone bill. Available in £10 denominations from British Airways outlets. calls can be made from public telephones in 42

According to BA a three-minute call from 2 hotel in France to the UK using its prepaid card will cost £2.55, compared with more than £5 ordinarily. BA also has its wings crossed that the citrus-coloured cards featuring an Arab woman will soon become collectors' items.

### Nasal distraction

PUMA has teamed up with Ariel to persuade the nation to wash its sports kit more often. The sportswear and washing powder brands are spinning the line that the cleaner the clothes, the fitter the

According to a survey conducted by the sports-wear brand and washing powder company. Jess than half of male respondents said that they wear their kit more than once. It makes sense therefore that whereas almost half of those men surveyed admit-ted to having fallen for a woman at the gym, only 13 per cent of women said that they were attracted to

their gym mates.

# Management by the book is no ready-made solution

**Oliver August** on the latest

crop of texts to look at how to run a business

anagement books try to dean ordinary man or woman into a visionary business leader, the next Rockefeller or Hanson. But the gene is diffi-cult to pin down. The vocabu-lary used in these books is a tell-tale sign. The language forever resonates with grand but enough wherease like "admin. but empty phrases like "administrative culture" and "breakthrough improvement.

The books rely on semantics to project a sense of how monumental the authors' visions are. Titles are clever but can be meaningless (Past tense, Future Perfect). Fectual guidelines, in contrast, are usually banal because Rockefeller and Hanson didn't build their fortunes by implementing a particular strategy. The gene

Yet, ambitious busine minds might do well to read beyand inane sentences like 'Amid the accelerating changes of the 1990s, managers

are at the cutting edge."

If a university education is intended to tickle students brains rather than teach them how to be a historian, poet or politician, then good manage-ment books might perform the same function. They will not offer ready-made solutions, but inspire the entrepreneur to dévelop unique business ideas. And like university courses, they may even be fun.

Among this year's crop of management books, one of the most entertaining, despite its title, is Malcolm Kerrell's Past tense, Future Perfect (Souvenir Press). The first chapter starts with: "Alice was a little startled by seeing the Cheshire Cat sitting on a bough of a tree a new yards off. The Cat only When it saw Alice. If looked good-natured, she thought: still it had very long claws and a great many teeth. so she felt it ought to be treated with respect."

Mr Kerrell preaches man-

gement theories based on what he calls the Alice Principle. He adapts the advice given to. Alice by the Cheshire Cat

A executive to wear a zip-up jacket may seem an

odd request. But this was the

advice given to Roy Hurley

chief executive of Liverpool



The lessons of Malcolm Kerrell's book derive from Alice and other Lewis Carroll characters







Mini biographies of Henry Ford, Bill Gates and Walt Disney offer inspiration

ibly low cost: a weekday edition

of The Times in the UK con-

tains more information than

the average person was likely

to come across in a lifetime

Underlying the Alice Principle is Mr Kerrell's belief that

during the 17th century."

and other characters to the modern economy, and it works

Every chapter starts with a Lewis Carroll quotation. Lessons include: How to run a company or department by the Duchess. Guidelines for personal leadership from the
Queen of Hearts. Par-seeing
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pressure by the White Rabbit.
The art of communication by The art of communicating by the Jabberwock. And the importance of targety goals - by the March Hare. The Mock Turtle and the Gryphon instruct Alice in networking and the importance of information. Every Lewis Carroll allusion is fol-

possessing knowledge such as that offered by the Cheshire Cat is the only way to acquire job security. His premise is: "To be employed is to be at risk; to be employable is to be secure." Or. Alice's lessons won't secure a 100, but they will make it es to acquire a new one. While Mr Kerrell's approach

is refreshing, such homely advice, however entertainingly presented, is more akin to psychological self-improvement books found in abundance on lowed by an explanatory pas-sage: "Information and cross-American book shelves rather fertilisation of a high order are than to hardcore management available to people at an incredtheories. The antidote to the

Quality Pays (Macmillan Press). Written by Günter Rommel and six other German management consultants from McKinsey, it enudes the eleance and charm of a Frankfurt phonebook. This is hardly surprising when the cover tells us: "It is based on a survey of 167 automotive suppliers from Europe, 25 in the US and 20 in Japan." The new German chief executive at Rover will surely keep Quality Pays by his bed-side, while the rest of us skip

"Minimisation of process variance around the target value". By far the best as well as most stimulating way to learn about management is to listen to successful practicioners rather than drooling hangers-on

headings such as "Optimisa-

tion of design tolerance" and

Tom Cannon is no Rockefeller or Hanson, but his work for Virgin, IBM. Shell, ICI and HSBC has given him a bird's eye view of modern management practices. He is also chief executive of the Management Charter Initiative.

in Welcome To The Revolution (Pitman Publishing) he marries his own experiences with the ideas of the managers he has worked for like Richard may disagree with him whether there really is a "revolution" of significant proportions, "The first industrial revolution was driven by coal," he writes. "the second second by oil - the third will be driven by knowledge. The key to the effectiveness of managers and their business lies in their ability to access, use and enhance their knowledge." The second sen-tence still holds even if one

disregards the first. The superstructure of Mr abandoned without destroying the validity of the commandments. One of the useful insights in this wide-ranging book is that success can pose as many problems as failure. "Complacency is the greatest short-term problem for the successful company," Mr Cannon writes.

Some of his views may be controversial. "Family businesses can survive and prosper but they seldom sustain the growth rates established by their founders. Long-term growth seems to need a separation of the family interest from the business interest."

Arguably, there is no link between growth rates and family ties. It may simply be that fast-growth firms are so valuable that families cannot resist selling: while slow-growth companies stay in family hands because buyers are not knocking at the door. Nevertheless, the wealth of examples notably the stories of the Vanderbilt and Littlewoods empires - make for earningsenhancing bedtime reading.

earing the imprima-tur of Forbes magazine, Greatest Business Stories Of All Time (John Wiley & Sons) offers many more such tales. This book, by Daniel Gross, is devoid of theories and yet in many ways is the most useful of the lot. Success in business is a function of the human condition. The mini biographies of 20 people who "changed the way we live and do business" may not include any easy-doesit formulas or voodoo management jargon. But they are instructive by showing how widely different talents can be used to one simple end -making money. This is as close as we are going to get to the magic gene.
There is a role model for all

here. Bill Gates or J. P. Morgan. Henry Ford or Walt Dis-ney. Or indeed Rockefeller. Young, ambitious entrepreneurs will be pleased to read that: "In the ultimate expression of the new distinction between management and owner-ship that Rockeleller had pioneered, he and his entire generation of associates gradually left the business in the hands of a younger group of salaried executives with proven mana-gerial mettle."



# Oracle thwarts the sceptics

s that it then? If you are a bull, you are asking this question, with a mixture of regret and trepidation. You sense that the great global stock market party, which you have been enjoying for the past five (or, if you are lucky, 15) years, ended last Friday, when Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, finally called "time". If you are a bear, you are asking the same question, with the same mixture of regret and trepidation. You sense that the great global stock market crash that you have been awaiting for the past five (or, if you are unlucky, 15) years ended last Friday, when Alan Greenspan triggered a sell-ing climax after just one

week of decline. So which side is right? The trouble all began with Mr question: "How do we know when irrational exuberance has unduly escalated asset values?" The effect of this verbal porridge was greatly increased by the Fed's timing. Mr Greenspan's speech

Washington can traders had home and just before the opening chairman's

instantly translated into Japanese, then into German and Dutch in time for the opening in Europe. By this process they acquired the hypnotic power and Delphic inscrutability normally associated with instructions for Taiwanese video recorders. Confused dealers in Europe and the Far East had only one recourse - to invoke the First Law of disciplined trading: "Don't panic; but if you do panic, be the first."

words were

By the time America woke up, markets in Tokyo, London, Frankfurt and Paris had fallen 5 per cent or more in a few hours. But unlike the equally sharp correction in July, this one stopped when Wall Street opened.

The key question, there-fore, is why American investors seemed so much less perturbed than the Jananese Germans and British about a warning from the US central bank governor that was quite clearly directed at American investors. It is the answer to this question that sorts out the bears from the bulls.

According to the bears, Wall Street's insouciance, which contrasts so sharply with the nervousness in othe markets, is the latest example of the "irrational exuberance" to which Mr Greenspan had referred. "While other equity markets are merely frothy, Wall Street has passed beyond that into

of a true market top," ob-served yesterday's leader in the Financial Times, adding ments "could be taken as harbingers of a rise in inter-est rates". These lapidary comments offer an excellent summary of the conventional wisdom among professional

investors around the world. How, then, do the buils interpret what happened last week? Wall Street reversed its decline on Friday morning primarily because the November employment figures showed much weaker growth than most econoists, including Fed officials, had been expecting. Mr Greenspan knew when he gave his speech what these figures would show. On seeing these figures, some US investors drew exactly the opposite conclusion about the Fed's intentions to the one offered in the FT.

A front page article in Saturday's Washington Post, clearly based on detailed briefings by Fed officials, put this argument well. Far from sig-

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slowing to the point where the Fed would want to cut rates. Mr Greenspan's primary con-cern was that "the giddy level of stock prices would make it hard for the Fed to cut interest rates should slower economic growth warrant

If this interpretation is correct, the outlook for Wall Street remains favourable in the long term. In the short term, however, the bears may The Fed could well repeat its efforts to restrain the market's temporary overexuber ance. But can such finetuning be possible without sooner or later precipitating the dreaded market crash. Mr Greenspan has aiready confounded the sceptics who said it was impossible to use monetary policy to fine-tune economic growth. Now he also wants to fine-tune the level of the stock market. Some will call this hubris.

But I would suggest that as long as Mr Greenspan continues to fine-tune a steady expansion in the US economy, without too much inflation, he should be able to prevent euphoria or panic. In sum, if Mr Greenspan is successful — and on past experi-ence I would not bet against him - the coming year may be one of steady, unspectag lar sideways trading on Wall Street. That will frustrate both bulls and bears.

# Friendly society fights for role in an unfriendly world sking the visiting chief executive to wear a rip-

shaking up Liverpool Victoria

tence to indifferent consumers Victoria Friendly Society, wheri he went to Glasgow to join a salesman on his rounds. The salesman warned Mr Hurley not to wear a suit. A rip-up jacket makes it easier to conceal the collection book that agents carry when they call door-to-door to collect insurance premiums. The book is a clue that someone is carrying money, and that

This is just one small example of the distance that separates Liverpool Victoria and organisations like it from more glamorous parts of the financial services industry. The intricacies of Peps and inheritance tax-planning are all rather meaningless if you live on benefit in a tower block in Manchester. Financial advertisers and independent advisers don't want to know you.

could prompt a mugging.

Before the welfare state. friendly societies were a vital part of Britain's social labric, providing the state's sickness benefit scheme and offering a safety net for the poor. However, they have been marginalised over the past 50 years, squeezed by the rise of benefit culture and tight regulation. In 1946, Liverpool Victoria issued 1.4 million new policies; last year, it issued just 75,000.

The difficulties faced by "home service" insurers, collecting premiums door-to-door for "industrial branch" (IB) policies, have been compounded by financial regulators. Everyone complains bitterly about costs of regulation, but when you collect only 62. a visit, it becomes much more important - and much harder to offer value for money. Prudential has essentially turned its back on this tradi-

tional market. Other home

service companies increasing into mutuality, encouraging by seem an anachronism, customers to recognise their struggling to justify their existing ownership of the exists. It is

Paul Durman meets a reformer

and sceptical regulators.
Since Mr Hurley arrived two years ago, Liverpool Victoria has tried to reinvent itself. customer magazine. This has involved many difficult decisions. The society has made redundant 1,000 of its 2,700 staff - many of them of long service. Next year it will don its central London head office - imposing, but unsuitable for information

ing its product range. The costcaused much bitterness. Mr Hurley, for-mer chief executive of the AA's insurance arm, savs that the past two years have been the most

technology. And it is overhaul-

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Hurley: painful times ters, and even threats. Sometimes you say, Why am I doing this? I don't need this unpleasantness.

At the same time, Liverpool Victoria has broken new ground. Earlier this year, it became the first friendly society to make a takeover, paying £188 million for Frizzell, the insurance broking group. It is following this by committing £60 million to set up its own general insurance company. On top of this, the society is also trying to breathe new life

running a pilot scheme in Cardiff, offering 40,000 customers debt, stress and bereavement counselling, and a

Mr Hurley says that the changes have stretched senior management "almost to breaking point", and that the the upheaval in store. Sales figures show this. After

some weak years, most of the life insurance industry is now enjoying strong recovery, but not Liverpool Victoria. The

disruption of reorganising the sales force effectively cost it two months of sales. Although sales have begun to rise again, Mr Hurley reckmonths behind plan. home service

providers, Liverpool Victoria has tried to turn its more

able collectors into fully-fledged salesmen. Instead of 1,400 agents, many of whom saw selling as only a small part of the job, it intends to have 460 collectors and 450 financial advisers. However, it has so far converted or recruited only 220 advisers.

The society has enlarged its collecting areas, merging three "debits" into one. Advisers were initially unfamiliar with their new territories and new clients. Many calls were wasted because customers were out. Mr Hurley says: "As far as the customer was concerned, we were calling on the sioners, for instance, who said, 'It's no good coming on Wednesday. I don't get paid until Thursday. We thought that would bed down much quicker than it did."

Regulators are wary of IB policies because returns are much less than for policies paid direct debit. However, David Cheeseman, Liverpool Victoria's compliance director, says the annual return of 8.2 per cent on a typical ten-year IB policy is still much better than

the equivalent 5.7 per cent from building societies. Mr Hurley says: "The ori-gins of the organisation were about providing self-help to people who are less well-off, who own the society. The question was, 'How do we get this back on a viable basis without walking away from

His solution has been to position the society as "fundamentally all you need to know about financial services. He says: There was no point in looking at esoteric new products. We had to look at more basic needs for motor insurance, home arance and credit cards and other banking needs."

Hence, buying Frizzell, which, besides insurance skills, owns a bank and a credit card operation. One immediate benefit is that, through Frizzell, the society will be able to hang on to some of the £200 million it pays out to policyholders each year.

Home service insurers face new challenges next year from FPC3 competence requirements for salesmen. Mr Hurky says that examinations will require his salespeople to know inheritance tax and indecation of capital gains irrelevant to their clients.

The society, whose average IB client pays premiums of only Ell a month, knows that FPC3 may affect home service distribution. Mr Hurley says: People with this level of qualifications do not want to spend their time on a rainy Thursday



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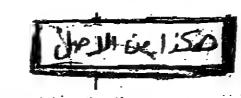
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Businesses run informally as a second form of employment are behind an increase in the number of existing businesses, according to the quarterly small business bulletin issued by Barclays Bank. It says the total UK business stock has increased to more than 3.8 million and the number of informal businesses has almost doubled during the past eight years to more than one million.

☐ A guide to computer data law and keeping information secure has been prepared by the Data Protection agency and the TCA, the renamed Telecottage Association. The guide, aimed at people working from home and from telecottages - the technology-equipped centres for small businesses - is due out by the new year.

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Bank of Ireland has launched a service to help businesses to find details of European Union and United Kingdom funding programmes. The cost ranges from £35 to £65 plus VAT. Details from John Allen on 0171-236 2000.

☐ Small businesses intend to spend a record £9.5 billion on computer equipment in the next 12 months. researchers for next year's SME Networks Show claim. The exhibition is at Wembley from April 8 to 10. Exhibition inquiries: 0701-0709 901.

# Duo drum up enterprise

Veronica Heath meets a couple who took advice on making their skills pay

oy Pearson was brought up in Liverpool, where he remembers his father tutoring Paul McCartney, of Beatles fame. "My dad was a talented drummer, so, from childhood, I had my own drum kit." Mr Pearson says. "Music is in my blood, and when my wife and I were looking for a business where we could use our skills, drumming seemed to be the right choice." Roy and Christine Pearson went

on an Enterprise Allowance scheme in January 1995 with Project North East. "They helped us to focus on what we wanted to do, making use of both our skills." Mrs Pearson said. "Roy had been a drummer with two local groups and I have experience with accounts. We got an Enterprise Allowance for 12 months and a loan of £5,000 from our bank, the TSB. We also invested our own joint savings of £10,000 and we opened the Drum Centre on Newcastle's Quayside in June 1995. In our first year of business, we clocked up sales of over £100,000."

The concept of the Drum Centre is not only to sell percussion instru-ments and accessories, but also to provide a meeting place for musi-cians. Mrs Pearson reckons that it has met a real need in its region. She says: "Drum and percussion lessons are now being offered in

school and college as an exam piece, so drum kits are being bought for kids aged seven years and upwards. We spent last Christ-mas delivering drum kits in the snow, sneaking into houses to set up surprise music centres. Those customers have been back all this year for advice and guidance."

On Tyneside, many working men's clubs have two-piece bands of drums and keyboards. If a drummer is off for some reason, the band leader comes to the Drum Centre for a replacement. The reality has already surpassed our vision," Mr Pearson said. "We have a notice board and we take advertisements from local bands. Customers come for coffee, a chat and advice. A teacher comes in to teach rock drumming on our premises, and we are holding a drum clinic at

a hotel. We are already over-subscribed with 250 delegates." The shop, popular with Tyneside drummers who formerly had to buy by post, has been made a main dealer for Premier Drums, which paid for Mr Pearson to attend its three-day conference in France. He was also one of 17 UK retailers sponsored by Pearl Drums to tour its factory in Taiwan and visit Hong Kong, which has many military bands. As a result of this trip, the Drum Centre is winning orders from Hong Kong, Crete and the US.



Roy and Christine Pearson's drum shop is a musicians' meeting spot.

# Getting the imperial measure of trading standards officers

By RODNEY HOBSON

The British Weights and Mea-1 sures Association, a lobby group campaigning for the retention of imperial measures in shops, has launched a three-month offensive against local authority trading standards officers.

The association, based in Edinburgh, says there is a deliberate policy for officers to warm businesses that goods must be measured or weighed in metric units, without pointing out that dual marking in metric and imperial is legal.

Vivian Linacre, chairman of the association, says: "It is bad enough that major retailers decide to bypass this provision and go fully metric now, but it is far worse that the responsible authorities are effectively telling all businesses that they are compelled to. This makes a nonsense of the Government's much-vaunted intention, for the benefit of small traders and the public at large, to ease the transi-tion by permitting — indeed en-couraging — dual marking until December 1999. It makes an even greater nonsense of ministerial assurances that the Government intends to negotiate with the EU for an extension of this transition. period to permit dual marking beyond January 2000."

The association believes that marking in imperial equivalents will have disappeared well before

the end of the transition period if trading standards officers get their way. It hopes to persuade the Department of Trade and Industry

to bring the officers into line.

Mr Linacre says that shops selling domestic appliances are again displaying the capacity of washing machines and refrigerators in pounds and cubic feet.

He says: "One of our members has received a letter from the DTI saying that, contrary to reports, shandy, lemonade, cola and juices can continue to be sold in pint or half-pint glasses and that there is no question of publicans having to invest in new metric glasses."



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# The master and all he surveys

ing about, Howard Hodgkin presents us with a singular and absorbing world. Entering the Hayward Gallery, where a selection of his work. from the past two decades is now on view, we find ourselves caught up at once in its flaring, sensuous intensi-ty. Only four recent paintings hang in the first room, a space so wide and lofty that it might easily dwarf the exhibits displayed there. But Hodgkin's pictures hold their posit-

The title of the painting on the end wall, In Memory of Max Gordon, refers to an architect who excelled at designing limpid galleries for con-temporary art. Dominated by an immense, wavelike rhythm, arrested at the moment before breaking, it is one of Hodgkin's most impetuous images. So the act of remembrance announced in the

title is not a funereal affair. It turns out to be charged with exuberant energy, and any thought of a mournful keepsake is swept aside by the forcefulness of Hodgkin's 017170 mark-making.

Although memory lies at the centre of his concerns, he never wallows in a nostalgic attempt to preserve the past. Recollections of people, art-filled interi-

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The time Hodgkin takes to finish a picture has become legendary:

Snapshot, the most satisfying work in the first room, defied the apparent immediacy of its title by taking nine years to complete. The clusiveness of memory must help to account for the structure in account for the struggles involved in seems to play tricks on him, demanding to be altered and then changed again before a resolution is eventually achieved. But Hodgkin never hides the vicissitudes his work goes through. To look at his paintings is to become aware of the layers

embedded within them. One of the earliest paintings on show, Grantchester Road; proves a helpful introduction to Hodgkin's teasing and allusive world. Taking as his subject a house belonging to Colin St John Wilson, the distinguished architect and collector, he allows the strong rectilinear forms of the building to dominate the picture-space. Scale is establishedby the inclusion of a figure, apparently the artist himself, half obliterated by a black oblong. He stands there like a reluctant actor on a stage, but the festive colours deployed in much of the painting give

it a celebratory mood.

As the exhibition proceeds, he abandons the distant vantage retained in Grantchester Road and closes more greedily on his quarries. The Matisse-like device of a window is often adopted for Hodgkin frames many of his images with a thick, dark border. But the activity within this forceful surround does not become remote. Far from it the forms appear to press themselves against us, and the aura of intimacy is sometimes claustrophobic. In a Crowded Room typifies this feeling of jostle and sway, of insistent forms colliding with each other in a perpetual state of restlessness.

Even so, the emotional range in Hodgkin's work is remarkable for its breadth. At the heart of Jealousy

lurks a small, wormlike shape, curved and festering on a yellow ground showered with pale green dots. It app-ears to be positioned at the far end of a series of receding frames, but there is no sense of evasiveness. The source of feeling re-mains vividly alive, infecting everything with

An impassioned artist at all times, Hodgkin savours his experiences with irrepressible verve. It Can't be True lives up to its title by setting the painted frame at a lurching angle, implying astonishment and disorientation. But the vivacity of Hodgkin's loosely applied brushmarks prevents the picture from degenerating into dismay. The brushstrokes are so alive that they counter gloom with every thrust, swerve and lunge.

In an age when large paintings have become the norm, he often defies convention by achieving unexperted monumentality in paintdimensions. Vehice Sunset is scarce ly more than 10in square, and yet the darkening, ominous orb suspended within it seems to transcend its physical size and take on a

looming, apocalyptic vastness.
Some of the small paintings show Hodgkin at his most concise, limiting himself to a near-minimal simplicity. In large pictures, by contrast, he can give vent to a love of bravura display. True to its title, Lovers explodes in a great rush of scarlet and green; pushing out-wards until it splashes over the edge of the black painted frame. As for an exclamatory work called Keith and Kathy Sachs, commissioned by a pair of Philadelphia collectors to commemorate their wedding anni-



"An unbridled picture such as *Keith and Kathy Sachs* (1988-91) shows how far Hodgkin has escaped from English emotional inhibition"

versary, its principal forms sway, undulate and revolve within a deliriously ornamental frame peppered with stabs of orange.

Such an unbridled, even shame-less picture proves how far Hodgkin has escaped from English tasteful-ness and emotional inhibition. For all his love of contemplation, revision and delay, he can be a marvellously abandoned painter whose brilliance as a colourist

enables his work to sing across the long vistas in the Hayward's

opened-up rooms.
Hodgkin's finest pictures have a heraldic impact, emblazoning the ceremonies of life with a feryour that belongs to the present, not the past. Therein lies the central paradox of his art. Although he is preoccupied with transience, and the summoning of moments that have gone for ever, the experience he offers is continually vibrant. The paintings may be based on recollections of events as fugitive as the passing of a cloud, the sudden eruption of strong, short-lived feelings, or the excited discovery of clean sheets.

But the works themselves are the very opposite of fleeting. Executed on wood panels projecting from the walls like sculptural objects in their own right, they are the sturdiest of memorials. Flux is both evoked and halted on these chunky surfaces, where the joins and cracks are often frankly exposed. However elusive the original subject may have been, it takes on a solidity and a satisfying sense of finality. That is why Hodekin becomes so rewarding, a painter who deserves to be

Howard Hodgkin, sponsored by TDI, at the Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SEI (0171-928 3144) until Feb 23

### AROUND THE GALLERIES\_

PEOPLE have obviously been asked questions about the millennium: what they look forward to and how they look back. In her exhibition, Gillian Wearing continues her special relationship with documentation. This time the show has no sound or video: it consists of photographs of people coupled with photo-graphs of notes or letters in which they lay down their own account. "In the next four years coming up I am going to exchange my bike for a different bike" is one of the statements under a group photograph of young men. A gay man and his friend sit on a sofa; the written account underneath mentions a dream of setting up home together by the sea. A not very literate man, photographed with a handkerchief over his face, tells of the terrible things he has done "in and out of jill". Wearing manages, once again, to convey the upsetting atmosphere of life without apparent involvement or manipulation on her part. Gillian Wearing New Work, Interim Art, 21 Becks Road, London E8 (0171-254 9607)

☐ IT IS possible to sit in an alcove at Gimpel Fils Gallery, exactly opposite the one picture on show. Albert Irvin painted Eiy, which is very large indeed, in response to time spent working in Ireland. The picture carries a good deal more obvious reference than usual: the roundels and details of Dublin's Georgian architecture are conveyed with apparent simplicity in blisteringly opaque and translucent colour. Emeralds and reds or an area of eau de nil, for instance, are applied with a brush stroke the width of a broom. Albert Irvin, Gimpel Fils, 30 Davies Street London WI (0171-493 2488) until Jan 18

☐ THE exhibition may initially appear simple, even slight, but the text on the walls is elaborate, full and rich. Five excerpts from the beginnings of short plays by Chekhov have been drawn in pencil by Juan Cruz in perfect print and presented in faint clusters of varying sizes. The Russian names are in capitals and the promise of a maze of narrative and action is instant and undeniable. Juan Cruz, Genesia, 43

Charterhouse Square, London EC1 (0171-600 7799), until

SACHA CRADDOCK

# Settling for the big time

aving left it rather late in her solo career start touring Nench Cherry has found herself on the horns of a dilemma. Should she stick with her vaguely hip hop, homegirl roots and try to woo the young, clubbing crowd, or does she pitch herself at a more mature, mainstream audience with a traditional rockn'toll show!

Neneh Cherry Empire, W12

Rounding off her first British dates at Shepherds Bush on Sunday, the Anglo-Swedish-Afro-American star opted firmly for the latter, producing an upbeat, rabble rousing set that was more Tina Turner than Tricky. It started tastefully enough,

with a sparse arrangement of her 1989 hit. Manchild, complete with twitchy little "baby" noises defily coaxed from a pair of record decks by Simon Richmond, one of the artists to emerge from the ultra-hip Mo Wax stable of dance acts.

Here was the Cherry of popular legend, strutting with quick, purposeful movements across the stage in clumpy new trainers and an eccentric blue dress which looked as if it had been run up by Björk's seamstress in the dark. Above her a selection of glitterballs hung aroid a forest of thick ropes, dangling over the stage like lianas in a jungle, while around her a seven-piece band rovided firm but discreet

People tell me you can't come to England and play rock music any more, but I can only do what I do," she said by her biggest hit, 7 Seconds way of an introduction to



Dressed like Björk and sounding more Tina Turner than Tricky: Nench Cherry onstage at the Empire

Hornbeam, which seemed to be a signal for the band to start cranking up into a more conventional heavy rock mode.

There was still plenty of variety among the songs that followed, which included a soulful readition of her recent hit Woman, an urgent reprise of Marvin Gaye's Trouble Man and a heartfelt performance of Carry Me, parts of which she sang sitting on a chair. But, as the band steadily built up momentum, such subtleties were gradually ironed out, and the version of

complete with wailing guitar

solo, left little room for the aching emotion and sense of mystery that distinguished the

Still, there was no doubting the energy she put into the show, not its effect on the crowd, which rewarded her efforts with a tumultuous ovation. The encores provided a momentary return to a simpler delivery, with the acoustic guitar and drum-machine arrangement of Golden Ring. before the forceful rap of Money Love gave way to the final, full-frontal assault of Inna City Mamma

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nese premiere of oyzeck in 1914 and started his opera soon afterwards. It took eight years to complete and much longer to enter the operatic repertoire, where it now ranks as one of the most powerful and influential modern masterpieces. Berg's hero (Wozzeck, because the play's first editor misread Büchner's harely legible manuscript) is dier, tormented by his officers, treated as a guinea-pig by his doctor, and cuckolded by a mindless drum-major. In one of the most heart-rending episodes in all opera, he cuts his mistress's throat, then drowns in the pool where he is trying

Ihan Berg saw the Vien-

to dispose of the knife. Disturbingly beautiful as it is. Wozzeck is hard to put together in performance, not least because of its rangy atonal vocal lines and extensive use of Sprechgesung (speech-song). Of the five current recordings, three are from live performances, while the two studio versions both have casting problems. The famous Karl Böhm recording (DG 435 705-2 on three discs with the two-act version of Lulu) remains a classic - measured, controlled, beautifully played

but with a Wozaeck

(Dietrich Fischer-Dieskan)

and Marie (Evelyn Lear) who

are simply too civilised by half. The other studio version,

with the Vienna Philharmonic

BUILDING LIBRARY Christoph

Dohnanyi (Decca 417 384-2), has the best Marie (Anja Silja) Eberhard Waechter, and the recording is lifeless.

tor atmosphere, one

turns to the live recordings. They include a respectable Leipzig concert from the 1970s under Herbert Kegel (Berlin Classics 0020682 BC), but the serious choice lies between Claudio Abbado's Vienna recording (DG 432 587-2, £17.49) and a recent version from the Chereau production in Berlin, conducted by Daniel Barenboim (Teldec 0630-14108-21. The Barenboim is the more even, with a superb Wozzeck in Franz Grundheber, a well-sung personable Marie in Waltraud Meter, and solid playing by the Berlin Staatskapelle.

But I can't resist Abbado's thrilling version, also with Grundheber and marvellous support (apart from Hildegard Behren's too Wagnerian Marie). Sensational playing by the Vienna Philharmonic is highlighted by a recording which, eccentrically, keeps the voices back, but compensates with orchestral immediacy.

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Mark Twain's The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn goes on stage

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**■ CHOICE 2** 

The soprano Rosa Mannion takes part in an evening of Mendelssohn

VENUE: Tonight at the Queen Elizabeth Hall





■ CHOICE 3

Steven Isserlis plays Schumann's Cello Concerto with the LSO -VENUE: Tonight and tomorrow, Barbican



CHOICE 4

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Yuletide stress is portrayed in Alan Ayckbourn's Season's Greetings VENUE. Opens tonight at the Birmingham Rep

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THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN Dames Newtra plays Huck and Clive Lievellyn is Jim in Mark Twain's masteroiece, adapted and Mark Twain's masternace, approve a ferceted by Matthew Francis, with the Micsessipp somethow brought an stag Greenwich. Coords Hill SE10 (1981-589 7755) Opens tonoginf, 7pm Then Mon-Sat, 7 45pm mat Sat, 2,30pm.

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NOTTINGHAM: Glyndebourne Touring Opera arrives for the first of two regists here with La travasta, Verdi's respectate of selfless love Based on Sir Peter Hall's 1987 production, the performances are conducted by Ivor Botton. Derngate Theatre, 1921 Guildhall Road (01604 24811) Tonight and Thurs, 7, 15 nov. 20

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# Medieval soul sisters

EARLY MUSIC: The Spice Girls of the

Gregorian-chant world? Hilary Finch

meets the New York quartet, Anonymous 4

t is rather as if Hannah and Her Sisters had wandered into an illuminated manuscript from the Duc de Berry's Très Riches Heures and liked it so much they decided to stay. The Anonymous 4 are a quartet of zany New Yorkers who left their several choirs to form their own ensemble to experiment with the sound of medieval chant and polyphony as sung by female voices. It was an idea just waiting to happen.

Three years before the group came together. Christine de Pizan's 1405 allegory, The Book of The City of Ladies, was published in English for the first time since 1521. This was French political history revised and female prophetic authority analysed by the first female professional writer of her time. It became a bestseller. Then came the mass marketing of Hildegard of Bingen, followed in 1992 by the Anonymous 4's first disc, An English Ladymass. Before they knew it, half a million CDs had sold worldwide. Ruth Cunningham, Marsha Genensky, Susan Hellauer and Johanna Rose were anonymous no longer.

In subsequent albums such as the Miracles of Santiago and The Lily and the Lamb, and in conscientiously thematic concert tours, the Anonymous 4 have sought not so much a new variant on authenticity as a redressing of the historical balance, a retuning of the ear and the spirit through changing perceptions of music from the 12th to the loth centuries, heard in the different timbres of the higher, female register. Women, after all, participated fully in both sacred and secular musicmaking in the Middle Ages. Only in the professional cathedral choirs did canon law necessitate the exclusive musical presence of men.

In between roller-blading and sew ing their velvet gowns, this "typical small dysfunctional family", as one loyal member was heard to call them, have trawled the archives of the

Montpellier Codex, the Codex Calixtinus, and no end of obscure English manuscript sources. And, of course, Hildegard of Bingen. While Hellauer, the group's official musicologist, was researching her work in the Columbia University Library, she reached for a volume of the sacred writ "and the book next to it stuck to the binding and fell on my foot". It was a collection of medieval Hungarian chant and polyphony; and Hellauer liked what she saw.

So, for this Christmastide, a new Star in the East has risen. In order to fill an entire CD, Hellauer had to raid further sources, such as the Magyar Gregorianum and the Graduale Ecclesiae Hungaricae Epperiensis and do some considerable work of transcription and reconstruction from tantalising fragments which arrived on microfilm from Budapest. Thanks to years of Turkish conquest and Hapsburg imperial rule, comparatively few manuscripts of medieval polyphony remain in Hungary. Iconoclasis de-stroyed many valuable manuscripts, and those which survived were smuggled into Austria and Germany. What remains, though, is distinctive, as this programme of antiphons, songs, graduals and motets reveals.

old ornamental flourishes. wide intervallic leaps, pungent pentatonic contours and extended oscillating cadences spice every line. Whether these characteristics come from the inflections of the Finno-Ugric language itself, from Byzantine practice, or from assimilated chant dialects from neighbouring Germany and Bohemia is still unclear. Hellauer admits that Hungarian scholarship has so far tended to concentrate on gathering in the material and researching its provenance, and that there is still plenty of scope for analytical work. But not for the Anonymous 4. They.

Anonymous 4 revealed: Rose, Hellauer, Cunningham and Genensky as ever, are moving on. Five months

to visiting more English cathedrals.
"Durham! We'd just love it!"
Genensky says. "The Venerable Bede
was buried alive, right? That's why he's not a saint, y'know. At the last minute, he just might have succumbed to the deadly sin of despair. When they opened up his coffin, they found he'd torn out all his hair, and tried to scratch his way out. Oh, heavens, you'd better erase that . . . "

● A Star in the East: Medieval Hungarian Christmas Music (Harmonia Mundi HMU

out of every year are put aside for research and programme building: the rest are on the road, where decisions on controversial matters such as voice: production: timbre, rhythmic notation. to drone or not to drone, tend to be taken intuitively in the course of rehearsal and live performance, as part of an ever-changing process of re-creation. They are looking ahead to Ockeghem, to more Renaissance repertoire, to new commissions from composers such as Richard Binhorn, And

# EVEN though it includes a passage so shockingly loud that the conductor was well that the conductor was well will be conductor with the conductor was well that the conductor was well the conductor was well the conductor was well the conductor with the conductor with the conductor was well the conductor with the conductor was well the conductor with the conductor with the conductor was well the conductor with the conductor with the conductor was well the conductor with the conducto

advised to warn the audience beforehand, Kurtág's Op 15/c was not the most sensational casionally disorientated enevent in the concert in Symphony Hall. Nor was it Judith Weir's bizarre reworking of Perotin's Sederant Principes; nor was it Brahms's Double Concerto, with Ida Haendel

and Raigh Kirshbaum. It was Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, in an interpretation which took even the orchestra by surprise by its spontaneous violence, rhythmic tenacity and its sustained emotional intensity. If it takes an element of

under-preparation and an oc-

semble to remind us what Beethoven's Fifth is about, a programme as demanding of rehearsal time as this one is clearly a useful strategy. But what Kurtag's Grabstein für Stephan is about, after all the detailed attention Sir Simon Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra must have given it, is still far from clear.

Obviously, it is one of several gravestones erected by the composer to late friends and colleagues (in this case the - CONCERT CBSO/Rattle

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singer Stephan Stein), and for much of its duration it features a gently strummed, hypnoti-cally elegiac solo guitar. But then, suddenly, there is an outburst of whistles and alarms -- "football hooligans" is how Rattle described it -

which seems to have nothing

to do with the funereal and valedictory gestures of the rest of the score. On the other hand, by his rigorously economical standards in terms of both duration and instrumentation, it is a major Kurtág score and, by any standards, a

weird experience. One of the more attractive aspects of Judith Weir's Sederunt Principes is that, in about ten minutes, it telescopes Pérotin's obsessive motet to half its length. Another is that, scored for an ensemble of in instruments, it sounds charac-

weird too.

Another extraordinary phenomenon is the surely unique aggregate of experience and technical security in the violin playing of Ida Haendel. Most of what she has always had is still there and, anyway, a sensitive partner like Ralph Kirshbaum can make allowances for what is lacking in volume of sound. So, while this was not the most imporing performance of the Brahms Double Concerto, it was an engagingly wise and intimate one

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# Why can't they work together?

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his week's Covent Garden gala, honouring Placido Domingo, is billed as celebrating the first appearance of the Royal Opera 50 years ago. Well, up to a point. Singers from the as-yet-unseen Covent Garden Opera did take part in The Fairy Queen on December 12, 1946, but they were listed in the pro-gramme below the Sadler's Wells Ballet, and I guess that most of us who were at the premiere remember it principally for the dancing, which featured Mar-

got Fonteyn, Beryl Grey and Moira 6 Opera and Shearer in a whole series of new ballets ballet once by Frederick Ashton. In fact the produc-tion was neither optook each era nor ballet, but a other revival of a form once typically English, al-though modern audi-

fortable: a masque, combining next (Shakespeare's Dream, much abridged), music by Purcell, and spectacular scenery and costumes by Michael Ayrton. The idea came from Constant Lambert, the ballet company's music director, who adapted and conducted the score; and Ashton: directed the show jointly with Malcolm Baker Smith. The acting cast was headed by Robert Helpmann, moonlighting from his post as the baller's leading man.

ences find it uncom-

When the opera company really, ot going on its own account the following January (with a Carmen se chorus included Geraint Evans), I wonder whether it rankled that the greatest applause was for Beryl Grey's solo dance outside the bullring. No wonder Edith

in the pub opposite the stage door. "Well, I've been booed by better audiences than that one!"

What strikes me, looking back, is how different the relationship between opera and baller was then. Nowadays one strong impression is that, at least in London, far fewer people watch both. The proliferaseats must be factors, but there is also a silly snobbery about ballet on

the part of many opera people. Opera and ballet once took each other more seriously. The dances in operas were by leading choreographers. Nineste de Valois and John Cranko as well as Ashton, Now even the ballet companies do not have such talents available.

Nobody would want to go back to the kind of music theatre that existed in the form of masque or comédie-ballet before dancing and singing went their separate ways. But the profusion of experiments in new kinds of music-theatre suggests that there is still scope for collaboration.

I find it worrying, however, that on a larger scale the two arts are not helping each other. Too often ballets are cut from operas, damaging the balance of a work (eg. the recent. Don Carlos, or they are done in a less than satisfactory way (every production of The Midsun-ther Marriage that I have seen except the very first). Producers and designers often show no understanding of dance's needs. When companies do get things



The 1946 production of The Fairy Queen: "neither opera nor ballet, but a revival of a form once typically English: a masque"

right, the effect can be tremendous. It is a good while since ENO tackled The Seven Deadly Sins, but the properly balanced mix of singing and dancing they achieved then was memorably satisfying. making this hybrid work come alive more clearly than any concert or purely balletic staging. Similarly, giving full scope to the dance element made ENO's recent Fairy Queen great fun in its idiosyncratic way, even if some opera critics were snooty about it.

Sometimes, actually, there is a case for letting dance take pride of place. Gluck's Orpheus and Eurydice was written as a collaboration. with the choreographer Angiolini. Not many can have seen Balanchine's 1936 staging at the Met in

New York, banishing singers to the pit while his dancers performed on stage in wonderful costumes hy Tchelichev. It had only two showings, but accounts and photographs of it can still thrill the

Balanchine provides an example, too, of how an opera with dance can respond to different treatments. He directed the opera in Hamburg, including a long ballet that was given in period costumes. Later he adapted this same ballet for a Paris production during Rolf Liebermann's regime as director. I recall singing finished and the chorus walked off stage revealing the dancers (in simple white and gold costumes this time), ready to end the evening with a complete ballet worked in classical ballet, which in praise of love. which can have special affinity with the

This ballet was substantial enough for the Hamburg and Paris companies both to give it separately once the opera's run had ended. and in enlarged form (under the title Chaconne) it also entered New York City Ballet's repertoire. Yet my own eyes and ears told me that it worked perfectly, if unconventionally, in an operatic context. And of course Covent Garden itself once had a noble staging of Orpheus with Kathleen Ferrier, directed and choreographed by Ashton.

from Richard Aiston for ENO's Seven Deadly Sins and Quinny Sacks for its Fairy Queen, the choreographers I have mentioned

overflow TCHAIKOVSKY did not live long enough to see his first

Swan

Lake's

ballet achieve the recognition it deserved. It wasn't until after his death in 1893 that first Russia, and then the world, woke up to the genius of Swan Lake. But Tchaikovsky would be even more surprised to discover that a century later his once-neglected ballet is setting new records

Yesterday English National Ballet announced plans to present "the largest Swan Lake ever staged in Britain". The arena production, using more than 120 artists, will take place in the Albert Hall next spring. Derek Deane, ENB's artistic director, will stage Swan Lake in the round, with lighting by Patrick Woodroffe and designs by Peter Farmer.

Deane's partners in this new enterprise are Patrick Deuchar, chief executive of the Albert Hall, and Raymond Gubbay, the man who helped to make "arena opera" so popular in Britain. There will be 12 performances of Swan Lake between May 29 and June 11, and guest artists include Altynai Asylmuratova, the Kirov's leading ballerina, Roberto Bolle from La Scala, Milan, and Anna Seidl from Dutch National Ballet.

Meanwhile in the West End an "alternative" Swan Lake is also setting records. Matthew Bourne's unorthodox and highly enjoyable staging has been packing them in at the Piccadilly Theatre since September 11. Bourne's Olivier Award-winning version has just passed the 100-performance mark and can now claim to be the longest run of a single ballet ever to play the West End. Tchalkovsky would be pleased.

DEBRA CRAINE

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale on another unlovely Royal Court title

# Wretched lives, barren ground

work it is presenting. The other day there was Shopping and Pering; now there is Jim Cartwright's repellently named new play. Maybe it is time for a competition. A

magnum of stomach acid to likely to upset the queasy and/or provoke comment within the dirty-mac classes than I Licked A Slag's Deodorant.

Certainly, it is more to be. recommended to the mac market than to those of genteel disposition, for it exposes the sadness and ugliness of the prostitute's world in a usefully offputting way. Of the two characters, one is called Man and the other Slag, and neither seems to know or care what their real names are. She works the bargain-basement end of the tart trade, presumably at King's Cross, using her

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spare time to smoke crack or haunt discos. He has sex of sorts with her, gets beaten up, and sits on a half-made bed wearing a deodorant-soaked bra as a mask. We learn a bit about how

Man came to be Man. His past includes a possessive mother, anoraks and brown cardigans, swiss rolls in front of the telly, and much nerdish loneliness. Slag's background, apart from "bastard" parents in Barnsley, is more obscure. But both characters allow. Cartwright to exploit the language of sexual hatred and fill the theatre with talk of cockroaches and condoms, among less mentionable matters. Occasionally their monologues get a mite literary — men have your body like a finger buffet" - but they leave you in absolutely, but absolutely no



doubt that they lead wretched.

At best it is as if one of

Beckett's short laments for human waste had been

rejigged by the Cartwright who wrote the scabrous Road:

but, though the piece lasts less

Slag meets Man: Polly Hemingway, Tim Potter

drab suit, resembles the sort of dead prawn that gives you food poisoning. Polly Heming-way, in black plastic mimskirt, keeps her face in full hatcher mode.

Yet by the time he had elected to live under her bed, listening to the heaving springs and suiffing the co-caine-dust. I had had enough of their company. Their au-thor had said all he wanted to say. I had learnt all I felt like

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Do we pay judges enough? Frances Gibb finds that the answer could well be no



# Judges wanted: pay poor

Judges' salaries are kept in

line roughly with those of

senior civil servants and as

such they have kept pace with

underpaid - and the butt of often ill-informed criticism from the media. Judges are starting to view their lot minus their tinted spectacles.

Many of the perks of the Bench - status, grand lodg-ings on circuit, a pension-arigi 5 years and, of course, a good salary - have gone; or are no many younger judges enjoy spending six weeks at a time on circuit away from their families, even if they are waited on hand and foot?

overtime by starting their court day earlier.

On top of all this, judges are justice system, they are to be-Controlling the pace of litigation stration and a hig training ex-ercise. The changes may make

tween earnings at the top of the private profession and on the Bench has probably never

Lord Bingham of Cornhill, the Lord Chief Justice, gave a warning recently that this could lower the quality of judicial recruits, and in turn weaken the judiciary. In a keynote address to the Judicial Studies Board, he said there was a subtle link between remuneration and judicial independence. In most societies. there was a perceived relationship between what someone earns and their status or prestige. "Financial rewards

Review Body (SSRB) makes recommendations and the Government usually, but not always, agrees. In 1992 the body recommended a 20 per cent pay rise, and the Goverrament awarded 4 per cent. But if judges' pay has kept pace with inflation; it has dropped far below the earnings at the top of the profession. In 1832, Lord Bingham said, High Court judges were paid £5,000 — £250,000 in

But Lord Justice Saville said: "I think the pay would put off the younger barristers in their mid to late 40s who still have some years of extremely high hearings. People I know, who would have been 6 Unless the rewards are sufficient, the ranks of the judiciary must very good, have turned down the Bench for financial reasons, although there are be filled by the second-best 9 enough good people at the moment who are prepared to

> the Bar Chairman, agrees. There is the view, as with MPs, that you get no thanks for doing a very tough job and are likely to be subjected to illinformed criticism, some of it extreme and very personal, he said. "Some may be justified, but people's willingness to take that sort of flak is

Lord Bingham stopped short

of saying it was, although that

The SSRB is now conducting a fundamental review of judges' salaries. In its 1995 report, the body noted evidence of increasing work-

loads: district judges, for instance, had a 32 per cent rise

took place in the summer when Kingston and Bristol bosted workshops on compos ing for prisoners and staff.

Asking for trouble EMPLOYERS should beware of plying staff with free drink at office parties. Trish Embley, an employment law specialist at Eversheds office in Birmingham, says industrial tribunals take a dim view of employers who encourage staff to let their hair down for instance by providing a free bar - and then try to discipline them for excessive

Tribunals will always take the provision of free drink as a mitigating circumstance when assessing employees' behaviour.

NOT content with the Court of Appeal judges working overtime to cut the backlog of waiting applications, the High Court and Crown Court will all be working on Christmas Eve this year. They will shut only from Christmas Day to December 27 inclusive, and on New Year's Day.

SCRIVENOR

Judges at Westminster Abbey at the start of the legal year. But will the attraction wane if the rewards are not high enough?

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Judges work is changing. More is expected, both in terms of hours worked and in Master of the Rolls, has launched what he called a sixmonth "blitz" to clear the backlog of applications before the Court of Appeal's civil division. It means the Court of Appeal judges in each of the court's ten divisions will work

change in their working conditions for decades. Under Lord Woolf's reforms to the civil come trial managers, actively through timetables and deadlines. It will mean a new, proactive attitude, more adminithe work more challenging. But they come when the gap beare not, of course, everything." he said, "but nor are they

nothing."
"Unless the rewards of judicial office ... are sufficient to attract the ablest candidates to accept appointment, albeit with some financial sacrifice, the ranks of the judiciary must be filled by the second-best, those who under our system have failed to make it in private practice." The result would be a "lowering in the standing and reputation of the judiciary", and a loss of the "qualities of confidence and courage" on which judicial independence depends.

modern terms. That sum stayed the same for 122 years. By 1954, when it was increased, it was no longer princely" and had, he said,

become "inadequate". Lord Justice Saville, a Court of Appeal judge who came from the Commercial Bar, where earnings are highest, said: "I do think there is a problem over the ratio between what reasonably successful people can earn at the Bar and what they get paid as a judge."

For most people, judges' pay — £104,415 at High Court level is untold wealth. Judges.

in arbitrations over the year and "regular evening and weekend work" for judges was job, but they have long holidays (circuit judges sit 200 the norm. But by itself, more work is not a factor, judges days a year) and a pension, albeit after 20 years. High Court judges, too, have a knighthood. There will always will have to show improved productivity, best use of court be a gap in earnings between hours, to win their case, the Bench and the profession: Peter Goldsmith, QC, is a the question is whether it is so former Bar Chairman who, in times past, would have gone to wide as to harm recruitment.

might happen, he said, if what of course, Now, such a move is almost the exception rather had been called a "dispiriting chasm" became too deep. than the rule. He agrees that

the right people." make the financial sacrifice." David Penry-Davey, QC,

recruitment of the best is at risk if the gap in earnings is not recognised. Mr Goldsmith argues: "We take for too much for granted the quality of our judges, and their integrity. we have corrupt judges and that is important to remember when attracting

the Bench after his year as

chairman almost as a matter

### Why Britain needs a Bill of Rights

he week before last, another senior legal figure added his voice to the growing chorus of support for incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law. Lord Steyn, the law lord, said the time to decide the issue had come. If this would mean a "great transfer of political power to the judges". he would oppose it but he added: "It will mean nothing of the kind. It will simply mean that issues o alleged abuses of human rights law will be tried in our courts rather than in Strasbourg."

There are many compelling reasons why the Convention on Human Rights should be incorporated into domestic law. These rea-sons have always existed. What is new is the current momentum for change. This momenturn is reflected in a new and stimulating collection of essays. Human Rights in the United Kingdom (all advocating incorporation or similar), by distinguished judges, jurists and other commentators. In it Lord

Bingham of Cornhill, the Lord Chief Justice, argues that there is an immediate need for incorporation, given a parlia-mentary timetable in which measures to remedy violations of human rights will not, in the ordinary way, find a place in the queue. He sees a domestic Bill of Rights as no more than the "simple and obvious" way of honouring the United Kingdom's international obliga-tions and of affording direct and relatively inexpensive protection to its citizens.

The arguments against incorporation, though intellec-tually coherent, lack pragmatic force. In a powerful contribu-tion Lord Bingham analyses

and refutes them. It has, for example, been said that what one sovereign Parliament enacts, another sovereign Parliament may override. This is true in theory, but the reality is very different. Whatever their theoretical status, constitutional measures such as adhesion to the European Community "are in practice regarded as enjoying a peculiar sanctity buttressed by overwhelming public support". The same would, undoubtedly,

apply to human rights in codified form. He addresses two other arguments: first, that judgments on human rights are essentially political and, therefore, not for judges to make, secondly (and arguably inconsistently), that incorporation is unnecessary because Convention rights are already protected by common law. As to the "political" nature of human rights issues. Lord Bingham rightly observes that judges regularly review and quash ministerial decisions in judicial review asks, to entrust such issues to an international panel of judges in Strasbourg but not, in the first instance, to our judges here? The ficiently protected is surely eroded by the UK's record as a Strasbourg litigant.

In similar vein, Ronald Dworkin unravels the arguments against incorporation. He also considers practical questions if the Convention were to be part of national law. For example, would judges have to work too hard? Are they up to the job? It seems that Canadian judges complained of overwork when the Canadian Charter of Human Pinks, was first adopted but most now Rights was first adopted, but most now concede that the additional work is manageable. But even if the fear of judicial overwork were justified it could not. Professor Dworkin argues, be a sensible objection that it would be better to save judges the work than to ask them to help to defend the fundamental rights of British citizens.

As to whether judges are up to the job, he argues first that the Tory outrage against recent judicial review decisions suggests that

the new judiciary is not simply the Government in ermine. even if judges were insensitive to civil liberties issues nothing would have been lost by incorporation since there would simply be a failure to exercise a newly conferred power. The fact that the US Supreme Court failed to prevent Senator McCarthy's witch-hunts is no argument for the thesis that the Supreme Court should not have had the powers that, on that occasion, it did not use.

Some observers, such as John Wadham, the director of Liberty, see incorporation as the first stage in a progressive constitutional settlement. Oth-GORDON, QC

ers eapouse American New Right ideals of responsibilities as well as rights in a postincorporation world.

Whatever solution is adopted, it is fast becoming apparent that the thinking establishment has, so far as human rights are concerned, become converted to something more tangible than unwritten constitutional safeguards. This is a major shift that has taken place over the past five years. With a general election only months away, and with incorporation a part of official Labour policy,

there must be a real prospect of change. There is, though, a deeper point. For different reasons, there are many who seek to curb the powers of the judges. But this entails a consequence more stark than the supposed terrors of judicia) excess. Without a constitutional foundation for the protection of human rights, every limitation on the power of the courts becomes a potential threat to liberty. freedom and the individual.

■ The author specialises in judicial review and is co-editor of Human Rights in the United Kingdom IOUP 19961, £20.

#### How about the risks?

INTENSIVE lobbying over Michael Howard's Crime (Sentences) Bill is going on behind the scenes. The Chief Officers of Probation have privately met Lord Bingham of Cornhill, their best such meeting with a Lord Chief Justice, to express concern about the abolition of parole.

This will see prisoners reeased without assessment of the risks they may pose. Lord Bingham has his own concerns about how the Bill affects judges' sentencing powers which he is likely to voice when the Bill reaches the Lords - unless Mr Howard makes changes earlier.

Pushing for it

Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls, had suddenly to adjourn a test hearing over police damages in the Court of Appeal yesterday so that he could rush down to the House of Lords and speak to an amendment tabled by the



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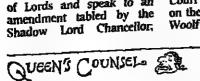
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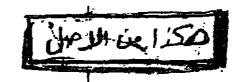
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to disputes and exploitation. They did not foresee the rise of ware-

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Lawrie and his co-defendants,

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cused him of passing off, trade-mark infringement and conspi-racy to injure Harrods. There have also been fierce disputes

between two companies with a

leading brand names.

with one such customer.

#### Gary Slapper on the involvement of the courts in matters of life and death

"Thou shalt not kill but need st not strive officiously to keep alive" Arthur Hugh Clough

The point at which someone's incapacity or suffer-ing is such that they can be legally allowed to die by withdrawing life-support is now a fevered issue. Sophisticated medical procedures and technology, intensified moral and ethical debates, and limited healthcare resources have combined to give unprecedented controversy Clough's dictum.

In 1993 the House of Lords declared it was lawful for Airedale Health Service Trust to discontinue life-sustaining treatment in the case of Tony Bland, the Hillsborough

victim who had been left in a permanent vegetative state (PVS).

There is a high level of public support for such practice. In the British Social Attitudes Survey published last month, 86 per cent of respondents agreed that, with the consent of relatives, euthanasia would be justified in a case of a patient in a coma without hope of regaining consciousness.

The legal boundaries in this area are slowly shifting. A recent Court of Appeal stretched the applicability of Clough's couplet by ruling that when parents had declined possible lifesaving surgery for their is-month-old son the reasonableness" of their view was not the primary issue for the court. In the very special circumstances of the case, the court ruled it was legally permissible to allow the child to forgo the only medical option available to save his life. And the High Court will soon be asked to sanction the withdrawal of feeding from an unconscious patient who is not in a permanent vegetative state but in a "near vegetative state" -she has been seen to "track" moving objects with her eyes and, according to current medical definitions, PVS patients cannot move their eyes on a purposeful path.

The baby in the Court of Appeal case had been born suffering from biliary atresia, a potentially fatal liver defect. Unanimous medical opinion was that the prospects of a successful transplant were good and that it was in the baby's best interests to undergo the operation when a donor became available. But the parents, both healthcare professionals with jobs in a distant Commonwealth country, did not want the operation to take place. They thought that the peaceful if short life their son would live without the operation was preferable to the suffering and consequential pain of surgery — coupled with a limited chance of success.

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Alan and Barbara Bland at the hospital bedside of their son Tony, a victim of the Hillsborough disaster

there have been more than 15

documented cases of PVS being

misdiagnosed. At least two people

have also recovered from the

unrecoverable PVS that doctors

the sad fact of life that health

authorities may on occasion find

that they have too few resources . . .

to treat all the patients whom they

would like to treat in the way in

which they would like to treat

The court in that case was

looking at a 16-month-old child

with profound mental and physical

disabilities. He was suffering from

blindness, severe epilepsy, cerebral

lso relevant is the prob-

lem of resources. In 1992,

Lord Donaldson, then

Master of the Rolls, noted

### When there is life without hope

Butler-Sloss recognised that to prolong life was not "the sole objective of the court" and to require prolongation at the expense other considerations might not be in a child's best interests.

The ruling, which allows a dignified end to otherwise lengthy suffering or vegetative states, raises two problems: first, the developmental nature of clinical science can mean a sudden change in definitions of PVS, or new surgical procedures offering hope to previously hopeless cases. Secondly, the danger of allowing liberal law to be utilised by a zealous health service manager in the business of re-

source saving practices.

The British Medical Association ole to the suffering and consequential pain of surgery — coupled with a limited chance of success.

The court agreed. Lady Justice and the Royal College of Physicians have drawn up guidelines on PVS patients which condone the withdrawal of life support in some palsy and was fed by nasogastric tube. His expectation of life was short, and the consultant paediatrician did not think it appropriate to intervene with intensive therapeutic measures if the patient suffered a life-threatening event. The Court of Appeal agreed that

the clinical judgment of the attend-ing practitioner should prevail. It would be wrong, it said, for the High Court to make an order compelling a health authority to treat patients without knowing whether there were other patients to whom those resources "might more advantageously be devoted.

There may be some very clear cases in which courts feel reasonably confident about supporting a clinical judgment to discontinue treatment. A working group of the Royal College of Physicians has recognised that therapy is futile in some cases and "merely prolongs an insentient life for the patient and a hopeless vigil for relatives and carers". But there will be many cases that prompt a recall of the remark of Justice Asch, the New York judge who said: "There is a strident cry in America to terminate the lives of other people — deemed physically or mentally defective . . . Assuredly, one test of civilisation is its concern with the survival of the

◆ Dr Slapper is Principal Lecturer in Law, Staffordshire University.

### Domain names: a system in dispute

itigation is already begin-ning over the brand names of people and companies taking Web sites on the Internet. A system designed to make finding such people or organ-isations on the Web easy is causing consternation among brand holders and intellectua property lawyers; about 50 met last month to air the problems, at a conference organised by Den-

ton Hall, the City law firm. National trademark legislation copes poorly with the international nature of the Internet. "Prior rights" or principles of "confusing similarity" count for little when the authorities operate on a first-come, first-served basis and allow two bodies to register titles that are separated by only a hyphen. such as "the times.co.uk" and "thetimes.co.uk".

Every computer on the Internet has a 32-bit internet protocol number so that other computers can find it. While comput-

ers can remember these numbers, people cannot. Hence the parallel system of "domain names". These are the registered addresses of the Internet. They tell you a lot. In the above example the subdomain (the times) gives you the name, the domain type (.co or .org etc) tells you it belongs to a company or a not-for-profit organisation while the top level domain or country code (.uk) indicates where the company

Nearly every country has a two-letter code. Because it started the Internet, America generally dis-

penses with a country code, relying simply on a domain type such as .com. About 8 per cent of .coms registered in America belong to non-American companies. A unique domain name forms part of every e-mail and Web

page address. The system is logical: if there were two your-company.co.uks, the delivery system would not know to whom or where to send your e-mail. The trouble is that though the

system runs to a set of international standards ratified by the Internet Society, no one is in charge. There is no authority to insist on the global review of a Nicholas Wood

on litigation over Web sites

on the Internet

system that has seen 100,000 new registrations in America and 5.300 in the UK this August and September alone

The Internet Assigned Names Authority (lana) can influence change. But trademark holders regard its proposed release of up to 50 new international top-level domains, some to be offered to the private sector on a franchise basis, as a potential disaster.

The Network Information Centres (NICs) that exist in nearly 160 countries, assessing applications and licensing domain names, operate on different models. Some are State-controlled, others

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are privatised. A number, such as Nominet, the UK authority, are

not-for-profit. They depend on a system designed before the Net

was opened to commercial traffic

At the time, no one queried a

system of allocating names so logical that it would accept a

registration different from an-

other by a single character, un-

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wanted to encourage registration

as much as to control it. They let

the first person who asked for

McDonald's, Rolex or Hertz have

the licence to that name. They

failed to predict that commercial

interest in the Internet would lead

in the early 1990s.

legitimate right to a name. First come, first served is fine until you come second. Things can only get better. In the UK, the buckhouse blc. kilbum high rol. ock. sheer weight of registrations is forcing changes: the new .plc and .ltd domain types are easing competition for .cos, and the introduction of registration and renewal fees has reduced malicious

registrations. Companies such as Net Searchers are supplying trademark owners with a measure of protection and peace of mind through the provision of sophisticated search and tracking systems. Most important of all, Dr Wil-

lie Black, Nominet's director, recognises trademark owners as stakeholders in the development of the domain name system.

The Denton Hall symposium put forward a range of proposals. These included the introduction of a 28-day objection period postregistration, an intention to use requirement, and more information about those behind a registration. Should Nominet not take these to heart, it is possible that the operation and regulation of the UK system may be split.

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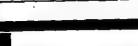
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The civil justice system is still considered by some to be mysterious and arcane, with little relevance to today's problems. I do not suggest that all the historical traditions of the civil justice system be swept away; but I do suggest that there is an urgent need to increase public understanding of the way in which the system works

and of the service it provides. My experience in the North has convinced me that, whatever may have been the position in the past,

Jonathan Parker calls for the creation

of a network of civil justice centres

there is no longer any justification for dividing civil work outside London between the Chancery Division and the Queen's Bench Division.

The overlap between the work of the two divisions outside London is nowadays very substantial - and will increase as more Mercantile Courts (formally part of the Queen's Bench Divi-

sion) are established. To my mind, the only relevant division of work outside London is between civil work on the one hand and criminal work on the

There is an urgent need to establish, in each of the major tria) centres throughout the country, a proper-

resourced and properly staffed civil justice centre catering for all categories of High Court civil work (apart from family work, which forms a distinct and separate category). And dealing only with civil work. No crime. Such a centre would incorporate a Mercantile Court under the direct "hands-on" control of a resident Mercantile Judge. The work of the centre should include cases involving judicial review. To my mind, there is no justification for the present practice, whereby judicial review

cases are heard only in London save in exceptional circumstances

— and only by those 26 judges who are nominated to hear cases in the Crown Office List.

in common with all other kinds of civil lingation, judicial review cases should, where possible, be heard locally. Provision should also be made in

each civil justice

centre for the resolu-

Today the tion of disputes by mediation or arbitration. Litigation is, emphasis is number of possible on offering a methods of resolving civil disputes and, as service for is often said, it is the method of last resort. civil disputes Ahernative dispute

resolution is now widely recognised as a speedy, inexpensive and relative-ly painless way of achieving a promise in appropriate cases. Similarly, there are many categories of civil dispute that may be more suited to arbitration than

If litigation proves unavoidable, what the litigant — and in particu-lar the business litigant — needs, and is entitled to expect the system to provide, is easy and fast access to a suitably qualified judge in cases of urgency. Nowadays the empha-

tory applications. It is a commonplace today for a case to be effectively decided on an interlocutory application.

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n addition, the continuing process of establishing Mercamile Courts in major trial centres has substantially improved the service offered by the civil justice system to local business tractions of a Mercantile Court to its local business community is the availability of a suitably qualified judge to hear urgent applications. Gone are the days when civil litigation in the regions could be

treated simply as something to fill the judge's list whenever there is a slackening-off in the demands of crime. The emphasis these days is, as it should be, on offering the public an efficient service for the resolution of civil disputes of all kinds — and one that is available locally.

 Mr Justice Jonathan Parker is a High Court judge and Vice-Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster.



Mr Justice Parker: the civil justice system does not exist for the benefit of lawyers, nor should it be solely for those who can afford it, it must be available to every citizen who needs it

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decided by a court that there had

been no breach of planning control because the required planning

permission had been granted by

It was therefore important to

consider the enforcement pro-

visions in Part VII of the 1990 Act.

The most significant aspect of

those so far as the present case was

concerned was that an enforce-

ment notice had to specify the precise boundaries of the land to which the notice related.

The fixing of the boundaries of land in relation to which it was

proposed to take enforcement ac-

liament had left initially to the

planning authorities subject to

control by the secretary of state on

Parliament had provided in section 285 of the Act that the

validity of an enforcement notice

was not to be questioned in the courts on any grounds on which an appeal to the secretary of state might be brought under Part VII of the Act except by such an appeal.

One of those grounds was that

the matters do not constitute a

breach of planning control. The

control of the courts was limited by

section 239 to appeals from the secretary of state on points of law. His Lordship considered it in-

appropriate to attempt to use the

tion from the court so as to inhibit

the decision makers primarily

entrusted by Parliament with the

difficult task of deciding those

matters from forming their own

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### Change of use of land beneath river

Thames Heliport plc v Tower Hamlets London Borough Correct

Before Lord Justice Beldam, Lord

Justice Ward and Lord Justice

**Undernent November 281** Helicopters landing on or taking

off from a vessel floating but not moored on the tidal River Thames could constitute a change of use of land for the purposes of section 55 of the Town and Country Planning

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, allowing an appeal from Sir Haydn Tudor Evans, who, sitting as a High Court judge on December 21, 1994, on a construction summons, held. inter alia, that helicopters landing or taking off from a ve but not moored on the tidal River Thames would not constitute the operational development of land but would constitute a change of use of land for the purposes of section 55 of the 1990 Act.

Mr Michael Fitzgerald, QC and Mr Robert Fookes for Thames Heliport ple; Mr David Widdicombe, QC and Mr Michael Druce for Tower Hamlets, as lead authority for the !! planning authorities potentially affected by the proposal.

LORD JUSTICE SCHIEMANN said that the case raised several points of general interest concerning the impact of the planning legislation on the Thames and other rivers,

It concerned a proposal to establish a heliport facility on a vessel which would navigate up and down a 10-mile stretch of the Thames stopping from time to time in mid-river at one or other of

In re M (a Minor) (Care orders: Jurisdiction)

There was nothing in either the

Family Law Act 1986 or the Children Act 1989 to cast doubt on

the proposition that the court had

iurisdiction to make orders under

Parts IV and V of the latter Act in

relation to children who were

physically present in England or

Wales irrespective of where they were habitually resident.

Family Division, so stated in a reserved judgment handed down

in chambers on an application to

determine whether the court had

lurisdiction to make the emergency

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It was accepted that the child

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Mrs Justice Hale, sitting in the

Before Mrs Justice Hale

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Harbour and Greenwich to enable helicopters to land and take off from the vessel. A maximum of 22,000 helicopter movements a year was envisaged.

It had to be borne in mind that Parliament had provided in sec-tion 192 of the 1990 Act a mechanism for the citizen who wished to discover whether a proposed use of buildings or other land would be under the planning legislation

In general it would be appropriate to use that method rather than to come to the courts for the answer. However, Mr Fitzgerald and Mr Widdicombe had submitted that the court could, by its judgment at this stage, help the planning process function more smoothly and efficiently.

There were broadly two matters of concern to the parties: was planning permission required for the proposal and, if so, was it granted by the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order (SI 1995 No 418), the GDO?

It had been submitted that it was common ground that the proposal could only constitute development if it involved a material change in the use of land. Did the proposal involve activities which might involve making a material change in the use of the river bed and banks?

His Lordship accepted that it was an accurate analysis to say that the river bed was currently being used for bearing the weight of water in which boats navigated and that the implementation of the proposal might not significantly affect the truth of that assertion.

But he did not consider that it

land but had been living in

England when the original orders

had been made. Both parents were

now in Scotland and, under the

proposed care plan, the child was

currently living with grandparents in Scotland. The question was

whether that plan could and should be the subject of orders

Mr Martin Blount for the local

authority: Mr John Ker-Reid for

the mother; Mr Gordon Bebb for the father; Mrs Heather Pope for

MRS JUSTICE HALE said that

if these had been private law proceedings under the Children Act 1989 the court would not have

had jurisdiction because Part I of

the Family Act 1986 gave jurisdic

tion to make orders under section li-

of the 1989 Act only where the child

concerned was either habitually resident in England or Wales, or

was present in England and Wales

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Care orders on non-resident children

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tion, namely: did the proposal involve activities which might involve making a material change in the use of the river bed and Banks?

It seemed to him that it was an equally correct analysis to say that mereas now the land was used for bearing the weight of water and ships which did not attract helicopter traffic, the proposal was to use the land for bearing the weight of water and ships which would attract helicopter traffic.

The question was which of those analyses was appropriate in the content of the town and country planning legislation? In his judgment, it was the latter because the legislation was designed to regu-late questions of the human environment and not questions of

His Lordship considered that the judge went too far although he was not to be blamed for doing so since he was acting at the express request of the parties in declaring not merely that the proposed activities could amount to a ma-terial change of use of land but that

Mr Widdicombe had conceded that on the minimal information refore the court it was conceivable that one or more of the sites might be in such an environment that it would be legally possible to take the view that the landing of helicopters on a vessel stationed in that part of the river would not amount to the making of a material change of use. His Lordship would confine any

declaration to the following: "Helfcopters landing or taking off from a vessel floating but not moored on the tidal River Thames could constitute a change of use of land

and not habitually resident in any

part of the United Kingdom on the

guidance on the jurisdictional

question, it was common ground

that the 1986 Act did not apply to

The only reported case directly concerned with jurisdiction in care

cases under the 1989 Act was Re R

(Care orders: Jurisdiction) [[1995] I FLR 711] which had held that the

court did have jurisdiction in

public law cases in respect of children who were present here whether or not they were habit-ually resident outside the United

Her Ladyship rejected the sub-

mission that this case was there-

fore authority for the proposition

that the exclusionary rule in sec-tion 3(1) of the 1986 Act applied and

Parts IV or V of the 1989 Act.

Although the 1989 Act gave no

for the purposes of section 55 of the Town and Country Planning Act

Article 3(1) of the GDO granted planning permission for the classes of development described as permitted development in Schedule 2", which included in Part 4, Class B as permitted development: "The use of any land for any purpose for not more than 28 days in total in any calendar

If a declaration were made that permission had been granted by the GDO for helicopters landing taking off from a vessel wher ever on the Thames that vessel happened to be then a considerable number of potential sites would be involved even restricting it to the proposed 22 sites, many o which were close to one another Waterloo Bridge there were five could be walked in a quarter of an

Instinctively, one felt that it would be surprising if Parliament intended that a heliport vessel successively stationed each month on each of those five sites throughout the summer should be re-garded as sufficiently transitory not to require the invocation of the planning process,

A declaration that from any particular location a vessel could operate for 28 days as a heliport might be of significant advantage to the appellants if, but only if, the result of making such a declaraion would be to ensure that any enforcement notice issued, by a planning authority under section 172, or by the secretary of state under section 182 of the 1990 Act.

where the child was physically present in England but habitually

She said the whole tenor of the

reasoning in that judgement was in favour of there being as wide a

jurisdiction as possible to protect

children from harm and it was, on

the contrary, persuasive authority for the proposition that jurisdiction

in care cases could be founded on

the child's physical presence in the United Kingdom wherever the child might be habitually resident.

Accordingly, the child's presence

in England at the date of the

applications was sufficient to give

the court jurisdiction throughout

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#### Reasons for findings

Regina v Lambeth London Borough Council Housing Benefit Review Board, Ex parte Harrington Before Mr Justice Collins

[Judgment November 22] Relatively simple and clear procedures existed to ensure a housing benefit review board gave an sons for its findings. Where rea-sons were grossly flawed it was not permissible for the court to refer to supplementary affidavit evidence. The court had to be very careful in agreeing to look at that sort of

Mr Justice Collins so stated in the Queen's Beach Division when ing an application for judicial review by Donald Harrington and Moyra Howell of Lambeth Housing Benefit Review Board's decisions on February 20, 1996 to dismiss their appeals. Mr James Findlay for the ap-

plicants: Mr David Daly for the

MR JUSTICE COLLINS said that it was incumbent on a review hoard to ensure that material facts and reasons for reaching findings

of fact were given.

A model approach was set out in R v East Yorkshire Borough of Beverley Housing Benefit Review Board, Ex parte Hare (1995) 27 HLR 637). Further, in R v Housing Boards for Rose Benefit Review Board for East Devon DC, Ex parte Gibson ([1993] 25 HLR 487) the Court of Appeal approved four questions which the review board had to consider. Added together those cases gave a simple and clear indication as to how the review board should go about its task.

In the present case the decisions were grossly flawed. It was not permissible to refer to affidavit permissible to reter to amotavit evidence presented to supplement those reasons: see R v Westminster City Council, Ex parte Ermakov (1996) 2 All ER 302). That case concerned a local authority's desame principle applied to a hous-ing benefit review board. The court must be very careful in agreeing to look at that sort of evidence. Solicitors: Warren & Co.

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# Court of Appeal Product obtained directly by patented pro-

Pioneer Electronics Capital Inc and Another v Warner Music Manufacturing Europe GmbH and Another Same v Same

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Leggatt and Lord Justice

Undement November 28 For the purpose of section 60(1)(c) of the Patent Act 1977, a product obtained directly by means of a patented process was the product with which the process ended. It did not cease to be the product so obtained if it was subjected to further processing which did not cause it to lose its identity, there being no such loss where it its essential

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Pioneer Electronics Capital Inc and Pioneer Electronics (USA) Inc. against the order of Mr Justice Aldous on January 24, 1995 ([1995] RPC 487) striking out their actions for the alleged infringement of, inter alia, European Patent (UK) 0081649 by the defendants, Warner Music Manufacturing Europe GmbH and Warner Music UK Ltd.

The plaintiffs owned various European patents relating to the production of optical discs. One of the patents related to the process of producing a metallised glass

Another, Patent 0081649 related to the process of electroplating the master and removing the plating to form a stamper, or lather. A similar process would then be used to produce from the father a number of positive impressions called mothers and the process repeated with the mothers to produce negative impression, sons, for use in the stamping or pressing of mass produced discs.

The plaintiffs claimed that the first dependant manufacturer discs in Germany using the patented processes and that the second defendant sold them in the United Kingdom thereby infringing the

The defendants admitted manufacturing discs but denied infringement on the basis that the discs were pressed from mothers and

identity from the masters and fathers and thus not obtained directly by means of the patented Section 60 of the 1977 Act

provides:

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Mr Anthony Watson, QC and Mr Guy Burkill for the plaintiffs; Mr Peter Prescott, QC and Mr Martin Howe, QC, for the

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the question was whether compact discs imported into and sold in the United Kingdom were ohtained "directly" by means of a patented process within section 60(I)(c) of the 1977 Act.

By section 130(7) of the 1977 Act, section 60(1)(c) had to be taken to have brought English patent law into conformity with the corres-ponding provisions of the Euront Convention of 1973. Article 64 of that Convention

"(2) If the subject-matter of the

European patent is a process, the protection conferred by the patent shall extend to the products directly obtained by such process." The finished discs were not identical copies of the masters but differed in material and were the result of three further stages of production. The question whether they were "directly obtained" from pagented processes was to be decided according to European

His Lordship started with the meaning of "directly" in article 64(2), as to which Mr Justice Aldous had said below (at p495): "In the German text of that article the word unmittelbar is used as the equivalent of the word directly in the English version.

German word can be transla means ... without intermediary. His Lordship adopted that approach. It was important to emphasise that munittelbur had

been in what was now section 6(2) of the Patents Act of Germany since 1891. Having stated that article 64 had its origin in German law, the judge expressed the belief, with which his Lordship agreed, that it was permissible and right to take into

account the meaning of the word directly as applied in the Ger-A review of the relevant German authorities between 1897 and 1977 demonstrated their interconnection with a consistent thread: The product obtained directly by means of a patented process was the product with which the process ended; it did not cease to be the product so obtained if it was orbiected to further processing which did not cause it to lose its identity, there being no such loss where it retained its essential

His Lordship agreed with Mr Prescott and Mr Howe that the German authorities established that there was no free-standing characteristics being material only to the question whether the prod-uct with which the patented pro-cess ended had lost its identity or

The Dutch, Swiss, Danish, and Austrian authorities also adopted the loss of identity test.

might be taken to represent the test adopted by European law. The question whether the product with which the patented process ended etained its essential characteris tics or not being one of fact and degree, there would often be difficulty in applying the test to the facts of particular cases.

In the present case there was no such difficulty. The actions were bound to fall and the judge was right to strike them out Lord Justice Leggatt and Lord

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#### No power to put time limit on VAT recovery claims

Rayner and Keeler v Same. Ex Allied Domecq pic Regina v Same, Ex parte the

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Before Mr Justice Keene Judgment November 19)

The Commissioners of Customs and Excise had no power to impose a three-year time limit on retrospective claims for refunds for overpayment of value-added tax.

Mr Justice Keene so held in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing the applications of Kay and Co, Rayner and Keeler, Altied Domeco plc, the Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery of Mercers of the City of London, Colaingrove Ltd, Greenlee Group plc. National Provident Institution and the Association of Optometrists for. inter alia. (i) judicial review by way of certiorari (a) to quash the policy of the commissioners, expressed in a parliamentary answer given by the Paymaster General on July 18,

1996, to adopt a three-year time

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MRJUSTICE KEENE said that section 80 of the 1994 Act gave rise to a right of the taxpayer to repayment subject only to showing that there was overpayment and a valid claim.

The Bill of Rights 1668 made illegal the "suspending of laws" without the consent of Parliament. Had Parliament Intended the commissioners to have a power as important as the one contended for

express terms in the Act. The Customs and Excise did not have a power to defer. Their decisions challenged were ultra vires and unlawful. The applicants were entitled to repayment.

Solicitors: Paisner & Co: Baker & McKenzie, Allen & Overy: Ed-wards Geldard, Cardiff, Druces & Attlee; Titmuss Sainer Dechert; Solicitor, Customs and Encise.

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Appeal Tribunal refusing to grant a review of their decision was not application for such a review.

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LORD JUSTICE MUMMERY said that the nub of Mr Persson's submission was that when the appeal tribunal refused his application for review they then

made an order finally disposing of the proceedings within rule 31(2) of the 1993 Rules and that as he had made his application within the prescribed time limit, the appeal tribunal had been obliged, but had failed to give written reasons for That was not a correct construc-

appeals from the industrial tri-hunal: the original decision and the review decision, both of which were dismissed by the appeal tribunal. That dismissal had been accompanied by a reasoned judg-ment given after an oral hearing in public attended by Mr Persson. Those orders had finally disposed He was, as he had submitted,

entitled to apply for a review of those orders. His application was refused without an oral hearing or

that although the appeal tribunal were not required by the rules to give reasons for rejecting an application for review it would be good practice if in future they did state shortly their reasons for

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The Court of Appeal so held dismissing appeals by Mr David Persson from the Employment Appeal Tribunal which had re-lused his application for review of their dismissal of his appeals from an industrial tribunal, and had declined to give reasons for that

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a reasoned judgment, but that was because the 1993 Rules did not require that because his proceed-ings in the appeal tribunal had already been finally disposed of. His reliance on rule 31(2) was therefore misconceived His Lordship would therefore dismiss the appeals, but would add

doing so.

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RACING: JOCKEY CLUB TO HOLD INQUIRY INTO RACECOURSE'S MEDICAL CARE

# Southwell standards in question

AN investigation into the death of Richard Davis, the jockey who died in a fall at Southwell five months ago, is almost certain to result in the Southwell executive having to account for safety standards employed at the racecourse on the day in question.

A Jockey Club inquiry re-

vealed that "serious concern has focused on the quality of the ambulance and the qualifications of the crew when Davis suffered horrific internal injuries in a fall from his mount, Mr Sox. The report was published yesterday to

#### RICHARDEVANS

Nap: SYMPHONY'S SON (1.30 Huntingdon) NB: Emerald Statement (12.40 Plumpton)

coincide with a coroner's inquest in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, which recorded a

verdict of accidental death. "The Jockey Club is not yet satisfied that the medical facilities at Southwell complied with certain aspects of the Jockey Club general instructions on racecourse safety)," the report said. "This is the subject of further investigations which may be referred to the disciplinary committee." It is understood the investiga-tion is all but complete. A date for a disciplinary hearing is

expected shortly. The inquiry has absolved from responsibility the condition of the track; the facilities of Laura Shally - who trains Mr Sox under permit - to ing: and the fitness of the



A coroner's inquest yesterday recorded a verdict of accidental death on Davis

horse to contest the Fisherton Novices' Handicap Chase.
The suggestion, voiced by a jockey, that Mr Sox ran at Southwell with a fractured pelvis was dismissed by a veterinary surgeon and a licenced chiropractor who treat-

Davis, 26, died on July 19 after an accident which left

him with "virtually untreatable" injuries, the inquest was told. He lost up to eight pirits of blood before surrendering to heart failure more than three hours after the fall at Queens Medical- Centre, in Nottingham.

Davis, from Ross-on-Wye, was detained at Southwell for

him to hospital. Both Dr John Doran and Dr Alan Stevens, respectively consultant sur-geon and pathologist at geon and pathologist at Queens, told the inquest the delay made little difference to Davis's chances of survival. Dr David Layfield, the racecharge at Southwell, said Dafive minutes, displayed no reason to be seriously concerned about his infuries.

Nevertheless, Dr Layfield admitted to the court that Southwell had breached Jockey Club instructions governing the employment of

paramedics at racecourses. Southwell hired privately-trained paramedies but Club regulations stipulate they must be trained under the National Health Service programme. The instruction was introduced last year after 18 months of consultation.

As the medical officer in charge at Southwell, it was Or Layfield's responsibility to ensure the instructions were adhered to. This aspect, together with the quality of ambulance on duty, will form the basis of the Jockey Club's

The Jockey Club's chief medical officer. Dr Michael Turner was called to give evidence and became embroiled in a heated exchange with legal representatives of Southwell racecourse. He said after the inquest; "Any breach of the instruction governing the qualifications of paramed ics made no difference to Richard Davis's tragic fate, but we have taken great care and time to draft the safety

requirements on racecourses."

The Jockey Club will tomorrow publish a further report addressing concerns voiced in the wake of the tragedy. in seeking to raise salery standards, the Club is expected to announce measures aimed at suspending horses with poor completion records. Mr Sox had completed the course just once in five outings prior to his fall at Southwell. A tightening also on the cards.

**Balding** calls for total ban on drugs FROM RICHARD EVANS

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A DEEP sense of unease over the use of prohibited drugs within racing emerged here yesterday in the wake of the two positive tests on American-trained horses prior to the Hong

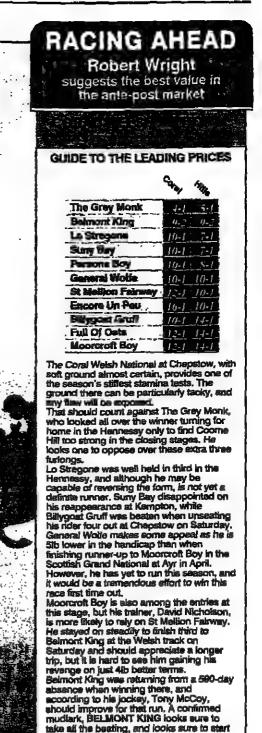
The discovery of traces of an anabolic steroid in Da Hoss, trained by Michael Dickinson, and Mateo, trained by Ian Jory, led to renewed calls by trainers and officials from Europe and Australia for a worldwide ban on drugs.

lan Balding, Kingsclere trainer, said: "I am just sickened by it. I think this has caused extreme embarrassment and we all feel it. It cost the Hong Kong Jockey Club a fortune to fly horses here and to have two horses scratched because of posi-tive drug tests is dreadful." He added: "How can we

expect to go to the Breeders' Cup and have a chance of winning? We ought to be calling for a worldwide ban on drugs. It is not a level playing field in the United

"We have got to campaign for the stamping out of drugs across the globe if international racing is to mean anything. It is already affecting breeding, because you are breeding from unsound horses if they were trained on Bute and Lasix."

The Hong Kong Jockey Club took no action against Dickinson or Jory after an



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Jukes banned

JAMIE JUKES, the amateur rider, was banned for ten days at Ludlow yesterday after taking the wrong course on Bironi in the HRH Prince of Wales Challenge Trophy Handicap Chase. One fence had been negotiated before Jukes missed the water jump and took the hurdle course.

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2,00 SIR PETER CROSSMAN ISRT MOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,855: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

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2.30 NATIONAL HUNT JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,847: 2m 110yd) (9 runners)

Long franking: Young At Heat 9-10. SETTINGS 94 Martin, 3-) March Egypti, 5-1 Steper (land, 6-1 Editer Chancer, 5-1 January Publisheder), March 1 Young Al Hard, 14-1 offices. THE SHOUTLE GAY \$ 11-4 P River (\$-2) with M Review II co.

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3.00 HORSERACE WRITERS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE 

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3.30 WEATHERST'S STARS OF TOMORROW NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,385: 2m 110yd) (16 numers) 

SETTING: 6-4 Londy Tunted, 3-1 Shoney Med., 6-1 Casy Fide, 7-1 Bandwards, 8-1 Ban For Ban Mill, 18-1 Addition's Long. 12-7 Bassis Browns, 18-1 Shoney 1996: MACKITY MICES 4-18-11 like F Hustry (14-1) & Michaelson 16 no.

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Ludlow

1.40 (2m hole) 1, Pridewood Picker (D. J. Kevenagh, 5-2 byl; 2, Gibwing Path (11-4); 3, Schnoczie (12-1) 11 nan. 181, 21, R Price Tole: (24 10, 12-20, 11-5), 22.30, DT; 15-70 Trice: 22.30, CSF: 29.74 Tricast: 254.45.

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2.40 (2h.hcla) 1, Flort-Bas (5 Wynne, 10-1);
2. Caddy's Flut (10-1); 3, Caburnel News
(9-2) Nachant 2-1 fay, 12 ran. 14, 31 F
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3.10 (2hr ch) 1, God Speed You (A
Magune, 7-4 fay, Richard Svans's rapp; 2,
Donnfarm (2-1); 3, Record Lowe (13-2), 9
ran. 176, 241 C Montock Toke, 52.90 CSF53.75 Trickett 214.87.
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fe/r; 2, King Of The Blues (8-1), 3. Madant Poly (50-1), 11 ms. 41, 31 Phichola. Toles. 22.50; (57-70, 22.90, 67-80. DF: 27-80. The E167-40 (part stort. Pool of 67-86.68 carried lowerd in 1 00 Hursingdon today). CSF: 214.08.

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1.00 (2m til 170yd hole) 1, Red Reje (4
Octome, 20-1); 2, Northern Fleet (15-8) (soit)

Inversion 15-8 (-8-7) (7 in 14, 9 P

Matchell Toler 22.10; 23.10, 23.10, 23.10, DF;

6-2.20 (2m 52.58)

1.30 (2m ct) 1, Greenstrack (C Llewellyn, 811 tas), 2, Surset And Vine (10-1); 3,

Minister's Medium (16-1), 5 ran 1ff, 62 P

Hobbe Toler 21.70; 21.80, 55.40 OF
24.40, CSF 27.54.

2.00 (2m 6f 110yd hole) 1, Guntes Cavaline
(F) Durancody, 4-6 fav. The Times Private
Handicapper's top rating); 2, Nobel (6-1);

3, Lord Robbis (11-2) 14 ran NFC One For
Navigation 16, 10, D Gandob. Tole.

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25.70 CSF 25.57.

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25.70 CSF 25.37. 2.30 Gm 21 ctg 1, Liath Martina 11 R (Savenagh, 21 liar, Thumderst's rap; 2, Mass Delun (9-3): 3, Haumarg Masse (5-2) 6 ros 81.30; 10 Gessell, Tole; 22.50; 22.00, 23.10 DF: 25.50 CSF 210 78.

La A Dr. 22:30 C8r 2:10 Rd 3.00 gm St chi 1, Manunnyin Cholor (P Harrier, 11-10 bm), 2, Macsaro Paul (3-1); 3, Early Dreiter (13-2), 7 mm, 154, 67 Rt Amer Tote: \$1 60; \$1 10; \$2.50. DF \$2.40 CSF \$4.96. 2496.
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First (4-1); 3. Indoor Quest (4-1) 4 sat. NS:
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CSF 9/12/21.
12.90 (3m tudie) 1. Baumstormer (0 Parker,
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\$1.90. CSF 121 86.
2.20 (2nr 41 indie) 1. Communitation Gillon (R. Garony, 5-2); 2. Leop in The Dark (2-1); 3. Kings Ministral (8-4 ind) 5 ran 41, 1141 M. Harmond, 166x 12 50; 12-40, 12-50 OF 12-80; 527 12-80.
2.50 (2m 41 chy 1. Noyen (A. Dabbur, 11-8 ind); 2. Heddon Heugh 150-11; 3. Namble Man (13-40, 8 ran 13; shift, Riffaney Total 12-50; 51-90, 25-40, 51-90 DF: 124-40.
CSF 504-283.

1297 (162.83 3.20 (2m that) 1. Carthele Benedito's (M Molomey, 7-2); 2. Cooks Larce (3-1); 3. Lard Oll The Loch (6-4 ten) 8 ran. 61 (24); J Beny Yole: 55.30; 51.10, 51.10, 51.40, DF 56-60. Placepot \$5.60. Quedpot \$3.70.

☐ Mole Board, trained by Jun Old, collapsed and died on the trainer's gallops yesterday. The 14-year-old contested four Champion Hurdles, finishing fourth twice sixth and eighth...

#### PLUMPTON

THUNDERER 12.40 Emerald Statement, 1,10 Aldwick Colonnade, 1.40 MR MATT (nap), 2.10 Fatrelaine, 2.40 Credon, 3,10 Honey Mount, 3,40 General Moultar, The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.40 EMERALD STATEMENT.

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12.40 DITCHLING NOVICES HURDLE

(\$2,616; 2m 4f) (9 numers) 1 0-14 SCOTBY 13 (CD.S) R Buckler 8-11-3 B Pownt 88
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1.10 HENERELD SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

7-4 Jayress, 5-2 Aldelca Colomada, 3-1 Water Hound, 12-1 Grillin's Girl, 14-1 All Haul, Stoppiny Special, 20-1 Buth's Gampin, 25-1 athers

1.40 OWIL HOLDINGS HANDICAP CHASE (£4,078. 2m 5f) (5)

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2 P- Bit OLIVER 120F B Flacto 7-11-0 T. J. Murphy =
3 G- ROBRI SLAND 14F P. Hedger 4-10-8 M. Ciricon (7) =
4 P. VIRANSTITE 50F P. Moonty 5-10-5 S. Byes S. S. Byes S. G-1U URBAN LEV 4 (B.D.B.,6) R Hodger 6-10-3 J. Harris (7) 97 8-11 Urban Lily, 5-4 Feirnleins, 16-1 Robin Island, 20-1 Warspile. Sr Oliver 2.40 GALLEAND CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £3,070; 3m 11 110yd) (9) | Handicap chase: £3,070: 3m 11 110y0] (9)

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3 -RSF CBLINHY CHOCOLATE 23 (F.9.5) Pictrais 5-11-10 A P Natory 90

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6 PP3- LAY IT OFF 279 (F.9. J J O Phall 7-10-4. N Williamson 93

7 00-5 Regis CORSTITE 6 M Roberts 6-10-3. R Hoppe (3) 51

8 -255 TITAM EMPTRESS 8 (V.6.5) S Ability 7-10-8. R Matter 98

9 -PH MILLERONE 23 R Rose 6-10-0. D O'Solfran. 2-1 Cubic Toxic, 9-2 Childrey Chocolain, 5-1 Cay is Off, Jorgeon Cinesas, 7-1 offices 3.10 CHAILEY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,364; 3ff) 110yd) (10)

1.3-15 HOWEY MOUNT 11 (0,07) N Wallow 5-12-0. N Williamsons 92

2.3-44 OURNAS & R. Balley 5-11-13. S Molley 93

3.3-425 COPPER COIL 8 W Turker 6-11-11 Power (7) 94

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9. PULD FED BRAUCH 13 J. Kog 7-10-7 JA Nathyy 88

10. (845 LOUGH TULLY 17 F Jorden 6-10-12 S Wyrne 98 5-2 Quineg, 4-1 Equaly's Durling, 6-2 Honey Mount, 5-1 Copput Coli, 6-1 eliums. 3.40 EASTEQUENE HANDICAP HURDLE

take all the besting, and looks sure to start a warm isvourite on the day. At 9-2, he represents a fair wager.

2.10 BRIGHTON NOVICES CLABBING HURDLE

1 3111 SEMERAL MIGURTAR 1 (F.D) M Ppn 6-12-1 (Pex) A P McCoy 97
2 -55F STDMEY WALLEY 25 (C.F.S.S.) Juntons 6-12-0 N Williamson 96
2 91P- SMERNO 339 (S) 5 Dow 5-11-9 Declary 99
4 341P WHISTIMS BLICK 15 (C.D.R.S.) R Rows 8-10-12 D D'Schlivan 99
5 4314 LITTLE HOOLIGAN 12 (F) R Hodges 5-10-10 T Charcombe (3) 88
5 PS-P RAAMS (S.D.R.S.) 5 Windows 11-10-2 D . 5 McMed 97
7 D1P4 DO BE WARE 22 (B.C.F.S.) J Pitoch-Hoyes 8-10-0 . B Ferrion 97 6-4 General Marchiter, 7-2 Stoney Valley, 0-2 Whesting Buck, 5-1 others. COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mas. H Kingla, 5 witners from 14 runners, 42.9%, M Pea, 10 licon 27, 37.0%, Mrs I, Richards, 4 licon 13, 30.8%, D Brissell, 12 lion 62, 19 4%, R Hodges, 12 lion 62, 19 4%, DRYSELD, DRYSELD, DRYSELD, 16 stones from 38 rides, 42.1%, A P McCoy, 13 listin 43, 30.2%, T Dascontee, 5 licon 32, 22.7%, M Richards, 8 licon 38, 27.1%, W McCarland, 6 licon 37, 16.2%.

SEDGEFIELD THUNDERER 12.20 Grand Cru. 12.50 Paperising, 1.20 Troodos, 1.50 Mister Trick, 2.20 Reve De Velse, 2.50 Juke Box

GOING: GOOD 12.20 GOLDEN LION NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Div 1: £1,953: 2m 51 110yd) (10 runners) 

12.50 GOLDEN LION NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,935: 2m 5f 110yd) (9)

7-4 Pagestang, 2-1 Marto De Missoque, 7-2 Raul Glee, 18-1 Ean. 12-1 Parsassave Latera, Whitespiles Willist, 14-1 Tanoculi Boy, 16-1 others.

1.20 DICKTE DODS MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (22,338: 3m 3i 110yd) (9)

11-4 Hago, 7-2 Plumbob, 4-1 Mongles, 9-2 Margor, 18-1 Act The Way, Marcello, 12-1 Acade Link, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPRS: 11 Cliner, 4 womers from 9 moners, 44.4%, P Hostam, 3 from 9, 33.3%, Mo M Revoley, 70 from 236, 29.7%, Mrs D Thomnton, 3 from 11, 27.3%; T Into, 5 from 19, 26.3%; P Benamont, 17 from 95, 29.9%. 2819%. OCKEYS: P Hines, 57 witness from 175 ridge, 124%, M Foster, 3 toop 18, 16,7%, J Callaghan, 16 from 163, 15,5%, J Supple, 16 from 68, 14,7%, N South, 13 from 92, 14,1%, T Reed, 12 from 99, 13,3%, 13 from 92, 14,1%, T Reed, 12 from 99, 13,3%, 13 from 92, 14,1%, T Reed, 12 from 99, 13,3%, 13 from 92, 14,1%, T Reed, 12 from 99, 13,3%, 13 from 92, 14,1%, T Reed, 12 from 99, 13,3%, 13,5%, 14,1%, 15,5%, 13,5%, 1

1.50 NAGS HEAD MAIDEN CHASE (23,196: 3m 3f) (16)

1 0-05 AYLESBURY LAD 18 (8) D Land 7-11-5
2 9-09 BOSMORTH FIELD 6 lates 5 Homes-Hower 8-11-7
3 0446 BRISH DESTRY 38 (N) J Boldo 5-11-5
4 P-40 BRODMHILL DURER 7 J Johnson 6-11-5
5 22-4 CHORSTY 11 (87) Mis A Sentheria 6-11-5
5 2-4 CHORSTY 11 (87) Mis A Sentheria 6-11-5
6 P-40 CLOMROCHE LUCKY 7 J Mark 5-11-5
8 0-30 KEMIARE RIVER 17 9 Rotine 5-11-5
10 005/ LIAM'S LOSE 704 J Parker 7-11-5
11 00-4 MISTER TRICK 38 (81-1 Lung 6-11-5
12 3F ROYAL PARKS 24 Mist S Small 8-11-5
13 212/ SPRINGHILL DURY 618 (83) 6 Rectore, 7-11-5
14 1P(3) MISS COLLETTE 29 (6) Mis D Thomson 8-11-0
15 0-6F MISS LAMPLISH 65 F Marting 6-11-0
16 61-5 SENORA D'OR 13 (F) 8 Mistergant 6-11-0
5-2 Crandy, 5-1 Kings Seman 7-1 Springholl Dury 6-1 Brownshall 5-2 Chesty, 5-1 kings, Serman, 7-1 Springhol Gory, 6-1 Broomhald Duke, 10-1 Medier Trick, Final Best, 12-1 others.

2.20 LINS MACHINE SERVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,877: 2m 11Dyd) (8)

1 2-84 ONE FOR THE POT 7 (D.F.G.S) Mrs A Maughton 11-12-0 M Foster
2 5-24 WEAVEH GEORGE 29 (CD.F.G) W Storey 6-11-3 M Molesoly
3 3041 REVE DE VAISE 8 (D.F.G.S) R Johnson 9-10-11 (Suc) X Johnson
4 1160 BLAZING DAWN 10 (CD.F.G.S) J Hobbush 9-10-19-9 B. Storey
5 -253 REBEL NOR 20 (CD.F.G.S) J Hobbush 9-10-8 S Taylor (S)
6 4053 30LANEY GRE 6 (P) F Martaph 7-10-0 S STOREY
7 163- BISHOPDALE 198 (CD.F.G.S) 5 Chedwal 15-10-0 G Cahill
8 -PA4 MASTER SALESMAM 28 (D.F.G.) Mrs V Ward 13-10-0 D Parter 2-1 flees the Value 3-1 the For The For 7-2 Wearth George, 5-1 Author King 7-1 Blasing David 14-1 Billioney Sirl, 20-1 others.

2.50 HOPE INN HANDICAP CHASE

(£2,742: 2m 5f) (11) 

3.20 HARDWICK ARMS NOVICES HANDICAP **HURDLE** (\$2,276: 2m 1f) (12)

1 8-4 DURANO 35 T Extenty 5-12-0 ... R Gamby
1 2170 VNGTAGE RED 44 (8F.F) 5 Richards 6-11-5 ... A DOMAIN
3 PU-F CONSTON JONER 29 L Lunga 6-11-2 ... P Reven
4 0120 SHRITLEDOCK 19 (CD.F) Man N Macanity 5-11-1 ... P Gamby
5 4922 PAMEERAN 32 (8F) Mas A Samption 5-11-1 ... J Supplie
6 P-43 BOMCLETE 17 Mars A Nacohizon 5-10-1 ... M Foster
7 -045 MR CHRISTIE 7 Mas 3 Landblan 5-10-1 ... M Foster
8 3045 MALLINS 17 (4) D Nachtal 5-10-7 ... D J Moothan
9 3579 COURT JONER 13 I Alexander 4-10-7 ... B Supplie
10 0-F10 ONEOTHING DOMES 10 J Manton 4-10-0 ... E Catagoria C 11 A5-4 DOMBLINS DOCE 8 R Altan 5-10-0 ... B Harding
11 A5-4 DOMBLINS DOCE 8 R Altan 5-10-0 ... B Harding
12 Matthew Red 5-1 Response 4 to Theory Bandy 12 Matthew 10-12 ... Sharing 12-12 Matthew 10-12 ... B Supplies
13 Matthew Red 5-1 Response 6-10-0 ... B Harding
14 Matthew Red 5-1 Response 6-10-0 ... B County Matthew 10-12 ... B Matthew 10 7-2 Values Red. 5-1 Durson, Parigezan, 6-1 Berntille, 8-1 Court John 10-1 Mr Hostiess (1954) (18319695)

CRICKET: CADDICK AND IRANI COMPETING FOR ONE PLACE IN FIRST TEST AGAINST ZIMBABWE

### England must take chance to build on flimsy foundation

FROM SIMON WILDE IN BULAWAYO

carrying a slight groin strain, are effectively fighting for one

place in the side for the first

Test match next week. Both

are expected to play today and

both have much ground to

make up. Neither has done

anything so far to justify

selection for the tour, let alone

for the Test team and England

must hope that one of them -

preferably Caddick, a far

more credible Test bowler -

comes good. Up to now, Irani

beleland in the four-day fix-AFTER their rare overseas success on Sunday, England ture at the Athletic Club. conducted themselves yester-Several players must turn in convincing performances if the first of three one-day day in the manner of a cricket team experienced in and comfortable with winning. They internationals - at Queen's gave themselves a day off -Club. Bulawayo's other and their first of the tour more picturesque cricket venventured out of their hotel for a spot of sightseeing and ue. next Sunday - is to be approached with confidence. considered who to leave out Among them are Caddick, for their last march, starting Irani and Thorpe, who has scored only 49 runs in four here today, before the rest of innings. Caddick and Irani, who is their stay in Zimbabwe is given over to internationals.

England always maintained that their poor start, which saw them lose twice in Harare last week, was due to the rustiness that comes with a two-month lay-off, and point to their defeat of Matabeleland by 59 runs in a 50-over match on Sunday as evidence that they are rediscovering their touch. Their spirits are in good order and will presumably only get better with the arrival of lan Botham as motivational guru.

It will not be enough. though, simply to beat Mata-

#### Symonds on parade for national service

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

If Symonds plays on Fri-THE cricketing loyalties of Andrew Symonds have been day, he will be reclassified in the subject of intense discus-England as an overseas player. Each county is only permitted one such player and, as sion for more than a year, but events today will offer further evidence that he has decided Gloucestershire are committhat he is, after all, Australian, ted to keeping Walsh, The 21-year-old Birm-

Symonds's position would then become bleak. ingham-born batsman, who will finally nail his national Philip August, the Glouces-tershire chief executive, said: colours to the mast on Friday if he plays for Australia A in a "We are, in a decent sort of day-night game against West Indies, will today line up way, trying to persuade him not to play for Australia A. alongside Alian Border, the Courtney will be talking to former Australia captain, iu a Andrew on our behalf and Prime Minister's XI playing explaining the benefits of staying within the English the touring team in Canberra. The occasion will, however, county system and playing for

give Courtney Walsh, the West Indies captain, a chance Gloucestershire. The England selectors will, for some extra-curricular no doubt have more than a activity that could benefit not passing interest in Walsh's only Gloucestershire, where powers of persuasion, despite he plays with Symonds, who Symonds's refusal to tour moved to Australia when he Pakistan with England A last was 18-months-old.

India wrest initiative as Kumble makes hay

BY OUR SPORYS STAFF

ANIL KUMBLE and Javagal Srinath exploited an uneven pitch to bowl South Africa out for 177 on the second day of the decisive third Test match in Kanpur vesterday. giving India a first-innings lead of 60.

be left out today are Mulially.

warrant a rest. Silverwood

who has done enough to

and Russell. Neither of the

last-named pair is likely to play much cricket in the next few weeks.

Though he bowled well on

Sunday, Silverwood seems to

be at the back of the seam-bowling queue, while

Russell has been squeezed out

by the need to use Stewart as a

vicketkeeper-batsman in the

This is not a new scenario

for Russell and he will have no

trouble occupying his spare hours. Yesterday he took him-

self off with Knight, another

keen artist, to Matobo Nat-

ional Park, an hour's drive

from Bulawayo, to paint in

oils the spectacular panorama.

from World's View, the site of

Cecil Rhodes's grave. Once his work is finished, it will doubt-

less take its place in Russell's

gallery in Chipping Sodbury.

in different ways. Atherton and Croft went fishing on a

game reserve belonging to Denis Streak, father of Heath,

who will be bowling for Mata-

beleland in the next few days.

are clearly wanting is their

fielding and, if they do not improve dramatically, they

disadvantage in the one-day

games. John Emburey, the

England assistant coach, has

been videoing matches in an

attempt to highlight areas of

Zimbabwe have named a party of 12 for the first one-day

international and they prom-

ise to bat a long way down the

order. Craig Evans, who won

the match for the President's

XI last week by driving Caddick for six, is down to bat

at No 6, with Guy Whittall,

who may open for Matabele-

land today, at No 7 and Paul

Strang, a Test century maker,

at No 8. They intend to use

Andy Waller, the 37-year-old

Mashona tobacco farmer, as a

BNBLAND (v Matabalatand today, prob-able): M A Atherion, N V Knight, A J Stewart, N Hussaur, G P Thorpe, J P Crawley, R C Int. R D B Croft, D Gough, A R Caddick, P C R Tuthell.

Weakness.

pinch-hitter.

find themselves at a

One area in which England

Other players spent the day

Tests and one-day inter-

nationals.

Kumble claimed four for 71 with his leg breaks and Srinath three for 42 with his medium-pace swing bowling as South Africa folded from 121-3, losing their last seven wickets for 56.

However, Fanie de Villiers. the South Africa pace bowler, struck back immediately to claim the wicket of Woorkeri Raman, leg-before for two, and leave India seven for one at the close.

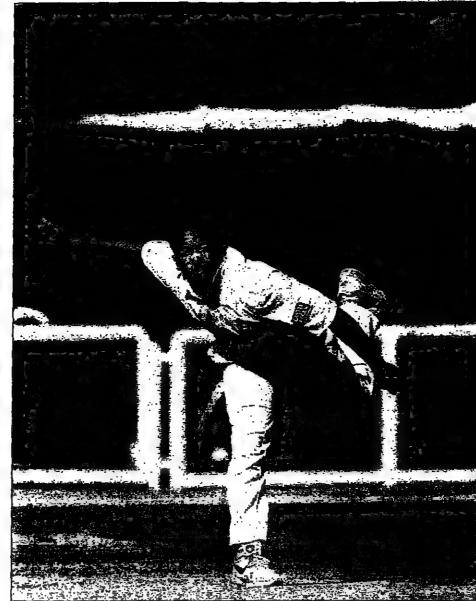
After Kumble had trapped Andrew Hudson leg-before for 15, Aashish Kapoor, the off spinner, made the next breakthrough, bowling Herschelle Gibbs for 17 through bat and pad. Gary Kirsten, who was dropped by Venkatesh Prasad before he had scored a run. went on to make an elegant 43. He also fell to Kapoor, Raman taking a fine catch at forward

short leg. South Africa's middle-order collapse saw them lose four wickets in 31 balls for the addition of only ten runs. Kumble engineered their downfall by having Darryl Cullinan caught spectacularly at first slip by Mohammed Azharuddin and Hansie Cronje caught by the substitute, Vangipurappu Laxman, at

Srinath, returning for his last spell of the day after tea, bowled Brian McMillan for one with an in-cutter, yorked Dave Richardson for four and had Lance Klusener caught by Rahul Dravid at point to add to the touring side's woes.

Kumble trapped de Villiers leg-before for six and Paul Adams was run out for eight to close an innings in which the defiant Pat Symcox stood firm for 73 minutes. His unbeaten 23 included a six off Kumble over long-on.

India, 204 for six overnight had earlier added only a further 33 runs as Adams sustained his fine bowling of the first day to finish with career-best figures of six for 55. Playing in only his fifth Test. Adams added three wickets to the middle-order scalps



Adams bowls on his way to career-best figures of six for 55 in Kanpur yesterday

he had claimed on Sunday. Sachin Tendulkar had made a patient half-century off 163 balls but then went on the attack, hitting two consecutive on-side boundaries off Adams.

However, Adams had the last word when the India captain, on 61, mistimed a lofted shot to de Villiers at

Armbie b Cronie I Kappor e De Villiers b Ader

cover. Off the next ball, Adams **Under-19s fail** dived full length to catch Srinath, but Kapoor denied the young leg spinner a hat-

Cronje bowled Kumble for five and Kapoor went for 11, again to de Villiers in the covers off Adams, to complete the South Africa innings.

BOWLING: De Villers 2-1-2-1; Klusener 2-0-4-0

A C Hudson tow b Kumble ... G Kirsten c Reman b Keppor

#### to profit from bowling

ENGLAND'S batteren could not capitalise on a fine bowling display, allowing Pakinan a slender first invings lead in the opening under-19 match in Faisalabad.

The second day began well for England, with Alex Tudor bowling Faza Akbar for two in the fifth over to wrap up the Pakistan innings for 256. But no one could go on to make a decisive innings and England slipped from 192 for four to 230 all out, a first-innings

on 52, shared in a stand of 92 for the third wicket, to lay the foundations. When those two fell, though, only Ben Hollioake with a swashbuckling 47 off 51 halls, managed to dominate Pakistan's attack.

David Sales, with

ROWING

omer Holl

#### Youngsters enjoy brief moment of success

By MIKE ROSEWELL

YOUNGSTERS from Britain, rather than home-grown and imported internationals. caught the eye in the Oxford trial eights race yesterday when Boxer Shorts beat Y-fronts by three quarters of a length over the Boat Race course. Superseding the result was the impression of a smoother Oxford style under guidance of Rene

Mijnders, the Dutch coach. Y-fronts, on Surrey, with Tim Foster, the Great Britain international, at stroke, Roberto Blanda, the Italy international behind him and another Britain international, Damian West, at No.5, looked the favourites and took an early canvas lead. However, they had not managed to increase their advantage at the mile.

Boxer Shorts, who included the teenagers, Nick Robinson and James Roycroft at stroke and No 6, and Andrew Lindsay, 20, at No 7, belied their years and, with Luka Grubor. the Croatia international, showing great power at No 5. drew level at Harrods.

Y-fronts had edged ahead again by Hammersmith Bridge and approaching St Paul's James Micklethwait. their cox, pushed his rival. Alex Greaney, wide round the bend. His crew, restricted by iliness, had a half-length lead but failed to exploit the advantage and, by the end of the Chiswick Eyot, Boxer Shorts took the lead for the first time. finishing in an impressive 17min lÖsec.

Foster is enjoying the expen ence of being coached by Mijnders, if not the defeat by youngsters. They were not race-hardened to start with but they are learning the old tricks and I was on the wrong end of it." he said.

BOXSR SHORTS: Bow, A Codemo (Università di Pavis and Hantond): No 2, D Forward (Weststiff HS and Maggleier): No 3, A Senti (Melsoury CS and St Peters); No 4, J Inving (TC Williams Hoh School, Valle and Kable): No 8, I. Grubor (Matematicias (Rima's, Zagrab, and Some-ristic Mel 6, I Securité differe ser Melsoi-ville: No 6, J Securité differe ser Melsoiville); No B. J Roy No 7, A Lindsty

Editurd Hall.

V-FRONTS: Bow, 6 Musidow (Ryde and Crist Church): 2, D Law (City Honors Schand University; 3, 6 Lyell-Cattle (fürgis, Cheste, Shewabury and Oriel; 4, T Reming (Magdalen CS and Magdalen); 5, \*D West (Dutwich and 8); Carbenne's); 6, \*E Belliamy (Hampiton and Kable); 7, \*R Blantia (University of Washingon, Seattle and Braserose); Stroke, T Fostar (Bedford Modern and St Cross); Cox, J Middalthwell, Simble and Crists; Cox, J Madalathwell, Simble and Chester (Bedford Modern and St Cross); Cox, J Madalathwell, Simble and Chester (Bedford Modern and St Cross); Cox, J Madalathwell, Simble and Chester (Bedford Modern and St Cross); Cox, J Madalathwell, Simble and Chester (Bedford Modern and St Cross); Cox, J Madalathwell, Simble and Chester (Bedford Modern and St Cross); Cox, J Madalathwell, Simble and Chester (Bedford Modern and St Cross); Cox, J Madalathwell, Simble and Chester (Bedford Chester); Cox, J Madalathwell, Simble and Chester (Bedford Chester); Cox, J Madalathwell, Chester (Bedford Chester); Cox, J Madalat

#### CONTRACTOR CO.

ATHLETICS HONOLULU, Hamile Honolulu Manathol Men: 1, E Kamayo (Ken) 2hr 13min 23se 2, J M Mundi (GB) 2·13 37; 3, Yi-Yong K (S Kon) 2:14.07; 4, T Modhab (Lesoth Ment 1, E Kamayo (Kon) 2hr 13hrin 23sec; 2, J M Mundi (GB) 2:13 37; 3, Y-Yong Km (S Kon) 2:14 07; 4, T Modhah (Lesotho) 2:14 2k; 3, A Ramos (2h) 2:15.64 Woment J. F Burangulova (Russ) 2:34 28; 2, 5 Vasilyeva (Russ) 2:35 36, 3, M Tangawa (Japan) 2:36 2h; 4, A Nifeli (Pol) 2:37 33; 5, C Beurskans (Hol) 2:38:19. BELFAST: Geekey 10ton: Ment 1, D Donnelly (Armadale) 2:3h; 3, D McNigilly (Newcastie) 30:15. Team: Annadala.

BASKETBALL

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7-UP TROPHY: North poot; Chester 100
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA); Toronto
97 Chrisage 89; Cleveland 90 LA Cilippers
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114 San Antonio 80; Phoento 106 Indians
80; Sacramerro 91 Orlando 84; LA Lakers
110 Minnesott 85 BLATHLON

OSTEPSUND, Sweden: World Cup meeting: Men: 30km relay: 1, Germany thr Ibmm 44.2cc; 2, Noneay 119:59; 3, Belarus 120:49 0 Women: 30km relay: 1, Russia 1.32 0.48; 2, Germany 1:33,01.2; 3, Norway 1.33 41.1 BOWLS

BRIDGEND; Wetsh Ladies Indoor Bowli Association mitignal singles competition:
Outster-Snels: R Price (Opwr) bi G Groom
(Ogwr) 21-20, A Cole (Ogwr) bi P Elgood
(Ogwr) 21-18, C Morgan (Ogwr) bi P Elgood
(Ogwr) 21-19, L Davies (Port Telbol)
br D Achtman (Ogwr) 21-6. Sensi-Snels
Price bt Cole 21-13: Davies bt Morgan
21-17 Pinet: Davies bt Price 21-13. CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Hobert (final day of lour): Tazmaria 481-8 dec and 311-2 dec (J. Cox 132, D. F. Hills 124 not out), Victoria 431-9 dec and 204-3 II of Harvey 62 not cut. W. G. Ayries 56; Match drawn.
W. G. Ayries 56; Match drawn.
UNDER-19 TOUR MATCH: Fairsalabad (second day of lour)\* Paicslan 256 (A Tuder 4-79); England 230 (A Finatoff 52)

**FOOTBALL** AVON INSURANCE COMPANTION: First division: Secretor 1 Birstol Rovers 3. UNIBOND LEAGUE: President's Cup: Second-nound draw: Emisy or Radditte borough v Africtor Town or Curzon Ashton. Byth Sociats or Spersymoses v Workeop Town, Runnom v Berrow; Boston United v Fersley Califo or Guiseley.

Lifes to be played week commencing January 27 1997

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Lacio 0 AS Roma 0 SPANSH LEAGUE: Afriche Bibbs 1 Andree Michael 1. ITALIAN LEAGUE: Lock 0 AS Roma 0
SPANSH LEAGUE: Arhence Bibes 1
IMMERO Madnet 1.
PORTUGUESE CUP: Fourth round:
Bertica 3 Gumarase 2: Gil Vicente 0 FC
Porto 1, Farense 1 Arrectora 1, Rio Ase 1
Scoting Lebon 4: Universe 2; Esprito 1
Lambego 0: Braça 2 Torrectoras 1; Portalegra
1 Edenenses 4
ESTAZILIAN CHAMPTOCKEP Sentimental
Second leg. Alterico Minero 2 Portuguesa 2
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Hurscan & Gimnaela de Jujuy 3; Deportivo Español 2 Rosario Central 3 ASIAN CUP: Japon 4 Uzbelestan 0; China 3 Syria 0 (both at Al-Art). WORLD CUP OUALIPYING; Concept WORLD CUP OUALIPYING; Concept WORLD CUP GUALIPYING; Zone: Group A: Guzremal. Totespo 1 (in Los Angeles) CORRECTION: FA Cup: Cerdiff 0 Gillinghem 2

TARPON SPRINGS, Plorida: JC Panney Classic: Leading timal scores (US unless stated): 197: D Andrews and M Hutbart 63, 66, 68, 198: M McGeorge and J Edwards 55, 66, 67: K Kushne and T Woods 66, 64, 68, 199: P Hurst and S McCenton 65, 64, 70, 2001: L Davies (GS) and J Daly 63, 68, 69: D Peppar and J Stamen 85, 65, 69, 201: V Goezze and S Stroker 69, 64, 68, T Barrett and D Fornman 68, 65, 69; 8 Sorenstam (Swe) and J Pamevik (Swe) 63, 89, 89, C Johnson Forbes and W Wood 66, 68, 69, 202: C Nismank (Swe) and D Form 67, 69, 202: C hij Koch (Swe) and D Martin 67, 69, 203: C hij Koch (Swe) and D Martin 67, 69, 203: C hij Koch (Swe) and D Martin 67, 69, 203: C hij Koch (Swe) and D Martin 67, 69, 203: C hij Koch (Swe) and D Martin 67, 71; J Srepherson (Aus) and C Beck 66, 72, 68, 208: J Crailter (Aus) and C Beck 66, 72, 68, 208: J Crailter (Aus) and G Rod 68, 67, 71; J Srepherson (Aus) and S Padan 69, 70, 71, 222; P Johnson (GB) and L Farmer 74, 73, 75, 500NY WORLD RANGENS. 1, G Norman (Aus) 10 789bs: 2, 7 Lahrman (US) 9,81; 3, C Montoomeris (GB) 9 05; 4, E Es (SA) 9 02, 5, F Couples (US) 855; 6, N Faldo (GB) 8, 20; 7, P Mickelson (US) 7,85, 8, M Ozale (Japan) 7,58; 9, D Love Iff (US) 7,53; 10, M C'Meara (US) 7,12.

ICE HOCKEY

SUPERLEAGUE: Ayr 6 Bracknell 6 (OT), Carditr 4 Sheffield 3; Notingham 6 Beamgstoke 1 PREMIER LEAGUE: Kingston 1 Guildland 3, Medway 4 Tethard 13; Swindon 4 Stough 0. Morthean PREMIER LEAGUE Commings 2 Paisley 10; Durntnes 5 Fife 9; Blackburn 6 Munsyfield 8. NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday; NY Rungers 6 Toronto 5: Burlsto 1 Anathem 1 (OT): Pitsburgh 5 Washington 3; Mormesi 3 Chicago 1; Philadeloha 6 Dellas 3; St Louis 4 Colorado 3; Edmonton 5 Ottawa 2 Satunday; Toronto 0 NY Rangers 4; New Jersey 8 Prosnix 4; Soston 1 Calgay 1 (OT); Hardroff 6 Buffato 4; NY Islanders 2 Washington 0; Montreal 3 Chicago 2; Philadelphia 5 Anchelan 3; Los Angeles 4 Colorado 2; San Jose 3 Tampa Bay 4; Vancouver 2 Ottawa 3 Tampa Bay 4; Vancouver 2 Ottawa 3 Sunday; Dellas 1 Florida 1 (OT); St Louis 3 Edmonton 2. HOCKEY

ICESKATING

SEOUL: World Cup: Speedskating meeting: Nen; S00 metres: 1, H Manabu (Japan) 37.15sec; 2, S Klevdranya (Russ) 37.15; 3, Rijos (Non 37.23, 1,00m; 1, d van Velde (Holl) 1min 15.37tec; 2, H Manabu (Japan) 115 40; 3, Les Kyou-hyuk (S Koy): 153.2; Women: 500m; 1, S Kyoko (Japan) 40.55; 2, F Scherk (Ger) 40.65; Kyoko (Japan) 40.55; 2, F Scherk (Ger) 40.66; C Scherk (Ger) 40.66; 1, D Scherk (Ger) 40. MOTOR RALLYING

CARFAX STAGES (Surrey): 1, P Lloyd (Metro 674) 55mm 55sec: 2, L Williams (Escort) 63:48; 3, C Armstrong (Escort) 84.37. BEAVER ROAD RALLY (Yorkshire). 1. T Preosobe (Vaustrali Chevella) clean; 2. M Monaghan (Peugeut 205) clean; 3. T Tordoff (Vaustrali Nova) dropped one THERE CARS STAGES (Cumbris) 1, J Brode (Escort Cosworth) 33min 27sec; 2, L Barton (Escort Cosworth) 33:52: 3, H Hunter OANS STAGES (Currora): 1, J Brode (Escort Cosworth) 33min 27sec; 2, L Barton (Escort Cosworth) 33:52: 3, H Hunter (Sapphire Cosworth) 34:52.

CHRISTMAN STAGES (fele of Man): 1, Linkin (Escort Cosworth) 24min 02:ec; 2, R Watson (Honde OMid) 29:32, 3, N Cantmel (Vannice) 44ert 19:47.

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RUGBY FIVES

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division: Bristal Manor Farm v Twerton.
LONDON SPARTIAN LEAGUE: Senior
Cup: Group O: Haringsy v Brimsdown.
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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

The Canadian women got to the last four of the Olympiad, where they were beaten by China. Diarma Gordon, who with George Mittelman won the Olympiad mixed pairs in 1990, found a splendid defence on this hand from the round robin. The theme of it is preserving your entries to avoid being endplayed.

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4KG wot: Four Spaces by South, Lead: King of hearts

Dianna, sitting West, opened One Heart, which was passed round to South, who bid Four Spades. There is a case for doubling Four Spades on the West hand — that typically shows a three-suited hand, short in spades. But Dianna passed, and led the ace of

Dealer West

Even looking at all four hands, the winning defence is not immediately obvious. East played the three of hearts on the king, showing an odd number, and in view of the fact that South obviously had a lot of spades, it was likely that it was South who had the singleton heart.

Playing a second high heart didn't have any immediate danger associated with it, as declarer had no quick entry to dummy, but notice what would have developed. Declarer ruffs. draws trumps and plays the king of clubs.

now declarer plays a second club and West has to give two tricks to dummy or one to declarer in diamonds. Dianna solved this by switching to a low club at trick two. Declarer won in hand and drew trumps, but when she played a second club West could win and now play her carefully preserved exit card, the ace of hearts. That left declarer stranded in her hand to lead away from K x of diamonds. ☐ In the first weekend of Macallan Camrose matches, England beat Scotland 48-42 and Wales beat Northern Ireland 47-43. The EBU men's teams competition was won by Martin Jones, John Collings,

Best is for West to duck, but

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

Steve Green and Graham

ALCOHOL MATCHING

By Philip Howard

HARDOCK a. A noisy hamburger cafe b. Fortitude c. A weed

JUP a. To call in hounds

IMMORTELLE a. A grande horizontale b. A flower C. A sonner form

KIER a. Grown-up's Ribena c. A type of seahawk

KEENE on CHESS

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BY RAYMOND KEENS CHIEFS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov's chances

In my view Garry Kasparov remains the favourite for the Las Palmas tournament. which aspires to be the strongest in the history of chess. containing as it does the top six players in the world ranking list. Although his form has not been fully convincing in the year or so since he defended his title against Anand in New York, he still tops the world ratings and shone in the most recent Chess Olympiad in Armenia. There, for example, he inflicted a heavy defeat, with the black pieces, on Topalov, who will be one of his

main rivals in Las Palmas. .. At his best, Kasparov's play is characterised by profound openings research and a razor-sharp eye for tactics. Both of these attributes are seen to convincing effect in this game against Karpov.

White: Garry Kasparov Black: Anatoly Karpov Tilburg 1991 Scotch Game

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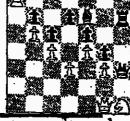
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The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles master Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookchess Monday to Friday in

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Black to play. This position is from the game Vasiukov -Dreev, Elista 1996. The black pieces have invaded the white. kingside. How did he now administer the winning blow?

Solution on page 46



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Diagram of final position



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from international grandshops or from B.T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing). Raymond Keene writes on Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene

With bid, for al

### Oliver Holt braves conditions that bring Green Bay cold comfort

# Where the weather is a frozen asset

t was an hour before kick-off and up at the back of the stand, in the row behind mine, two men were thudding their heels on to the metal benches, trying to chip the ice off their seats. They were bright orange insulated jump suits that marked them out as hunting men. refugees from the season that has just finished here. This time, though, they knew nature was stalking them.

The luminous clothes, designed to stop them being accidentally shot by other hunters, gave no extra protection. After a while, they sat down on the newspapers they had brought and turned their attention to me. I was so trussed up in T-shirts, polo necks and jumpers that I looked like the Michelin Man. I could hardly bend down to clip my rented cushion on to my seat. "You got so much stuff on," one of them said, "if you fell over, you'd roll for a

At least I was not alone. Down below, people were streaming into the stadium

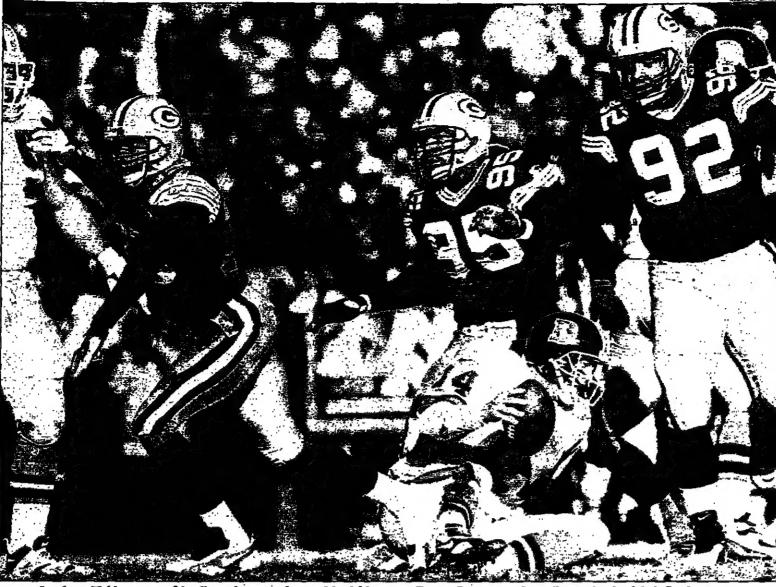
Carolina Panthers became the first team to secure a play-off place in their second year when they beat the 49ers in San Francisco 30-24 in the National Foothall Conference West. The 49ers reached the play-offs after Washington Red-skins lost at Tampa Bay.

draped around their shoulders, woolien hats pulled down over their eyebrows and ears, great plumes of their hot breath mingling in the air. They looked as though they were arriving at base camp for

a mountain ascent A few of the foolhardy wore pieces of cheese on their head, the symbol of their team, but others were wearing Balaciawas with slits cut for the eyes, lose and mouth. All had heavy boots and padded gloves: welcome to gameday at-Lambeau Field, home of the Green Bay Packers, one of the coldest places on earth to

watch professional sport This is the stadium, after all. that staged the coldest match in the history of the National The beer froze in its barrels at the stadium stalls on that New Year's Eve in 1967 and many of the home team players had to be brought from their homes because their cars had seized up. They called that game, between the Packers and Dallas Cowboys, the Ice

On Sunday, I suppose it was balmy by comparison. Adam, a barman from Lake Geneva. a few hours to the south, who was sitting in the pext seat. laughed at me, too, when I told him my face was beginning to sting in the wind that was



Lambeau Field was an unfriendly environment for another visiting team, Denver Broncos, as Green Bay maintained their fine home run

blowing in off Lake Michigan. "It's nice out, today," he said. Well, I suppose the wind-

chill factor was only -22C (-5F), even if it was the coldest temperature they have had here on the day of a game for nearly three years. That wind, which howled around the outdoor concourses beneath the stands like an angry spirit, turned 3'2 hours of watching the Packers crush Denver Broncos 41-6 into a feat of

I stuck it out but, by the end, my hands were numb even inside my gloves and the wind was blowing through my layers. When I made it back to the glassed-in comfort of the press room, where they had been serving Christmas cookies to the media, my face feit as though it was on fire, my nose was streaming and i was struggling to catch my breath, almost as though I was at altitude. I felt invigorated, too, though, like a survivor.

Most of the supporters laugh in the face of it. They eat their bowls of hot chilli and sin their cups of soup, but they also drink cans and cans of cold beer and start their parties and barbecues in the giant parking lot several hours

before the midday kick-off. When a vendor came up to our perch at half-time on Sunday selling cups of hot chocolate, Adam was disappointed it was not beer, "Bummer," he said.

The 60,000 people who crammed into Lambeau Field, a huge green and gold stadium on the south-west edge of this small town about 30 miles south of the border with Canada, are about as far away from armchair supporters as it is possible to be. Every game, especially at this time of year, is a battle against nature. ... It is a world away from the

RESULTS: Green Zay 41 Denver 8; Pitisburgh 16 San Diego 3; Chicago 35 St Louis 9; Chicannati 21 Baltimore 14; Jacksonville 23 Houston 17; New York Grants 17; Marrii 7; Atlanta 31 New Orleans 15; Tampas Zay 24 Washington 10; Dallas 10 Arzona 6; New England 34 New York Jets 10; Saattle 26 Bustato 18; Carolina 30 San Francisco 24; Minneapla 24 Descrit 22,

rarefied atmospheres of most American football stadiums, places such as the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, with its carpeted floor and smooth escalators, or Pro Player Park in Miami, bathed in its perpetual warmth. This is tough, blue-collar spectating, spitting in aisles that are already caked in grit, awash with melted ice. It is the way it used to be before big business got hold of the game.

It is almost as if the weather is their weapon, here, too. It is their identity, the tie that binds. The cold is their battle

standard, a variation on the theme of suffering for your team that is such a crucial part of the psyche of any sports fan, the thing that brings with it a visceral sense of community.

They know, too, that the chill wind brings opponents no good. They know that they fear their trips to the "frozen tundra", that many of them, especially teams from warmer climes, such as Miami Dol-phins and San Francisco 49ers, are beaten before they even kick off.

It has been that way for two seasons now. For 14 games the

in Green Bay and with a record this year of 11 wins and three losses, it is looking more and more likely that they will clinch home-field advantage for the play-offs. Anyone from the National Football Conference who wants to get to the Super Bowl will have to beat

On Sunday, the Broncos, who are used to a bit of snow themselves, looked thoroughly miserable huddled on their sideline in a small area bounded by two hot air blowers. Most of them sat on heated high-backed benches, venturing gingerly on to the pitch before rushing back to them like a cold child trying to warm his hands by the fire. Even the cheerleaders

the Packers here first.

were well wrapped up.
"It is tough for visiting teams because of the noise the fans make here," Brett Favre, the Packers quarterback, said after the game. "But the main thing is the weather. I woke up this morning and the wind was blowing, the snow was falling and I thought 'this is going to be a tough day'. If I'm thinking like that and I'm used to it, imagine how the team we're playing must feel."

ICE HOCKEY

**Cup victory** 

adds bite

to Panthers

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

NOTTINGHAM Panthers

celebrated their Benson and

Hedges Cup success in the best possible way, by winning

a Superleague game for the

Basingstoke Bison were on the receiving end of the 6-1

defeat, as first-period goals by

Jeff Hoad and Derek Laxdal.

the hero on Saturday, set the

Panthers on course. A lone

marker from Blake Knox mid-

way through the game did

nothing to deter the Panthers.

by their inability to stay out of

the penalty box and four of the

Nottingham goals came on the

The Bison were not helped

first time in a month.

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#### Krajicek must rest after knee surgery

RICHARD KRAJICEK, the Wimbledon tennis champion. will be out of the game for up to ten weeks after undergoing knee surgery yesterday. Krajicek, who has suffered from knee trouble for some time, had a piece of cartilage removed from his right knee during an operation at a hospital in Rotterdam. The Dutchman will miss the

Australian Open in Melbourne next month.

The £280,000 Tim Henman gained for reaching the semifinals of the Grand Slam Cup last week has lifted him into the top 20 carners on the ATP Tour this season. The British No I's performance in Munich almost doubled his carnings for the year, to more than £568,000, and left him at nineteenth on the list, ten places higher than his world ranking. Boris Becker, who ended Henman's Grand Slam Cup campaign and then won around £1 million for beating Goran Ivanisevic in the final, heads the list with almost £3 million to his credit.

#### New downhill date

SKIING: The men's World Cup downhill that was cancelled at Whistler, British Columbia, on Saturday because of too much snow, was yesterday rescheduled for December 20 in Val Gardena, Italy, by the International Ski Federation. The race will be the first of back-to-back downhills at the Italian resort, joining the race that had already been planned for December 21.

Bad weather plagued the resort on the west coast of Canada all last week, wiping out training and forcing the cancellation of both the first men's downhill of the season and the super giant slalom the following day. A new date and site for the super giant slalom has yet to be decided by

#### Monarchs on move

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: The London Monarchs are set to move to another stadium for the 1997 season of the World League of American Football (Richard Wetherall writes). After two years at White Hart Lane, the home of Tottenham Hotspur, they are planning to move to Chelsea's Stamford Bridge. It will be the third "home" for the side in their short history — in 1991 and 1992 they played at Wembley. Their contract with Tottenham has expired and by heading to the west of the capital, the Monarchs hope that the greater accessibility will increase attendances.

#### Holland leave it late

HOCKEY: A goal by Remco van Wijk three minutes before the final whistle gave Holland, the Olympic gold medal-winners, a 2-1 victory over Germany in the Champions Trophy in Madras yesterday. The Germans, defending champions in the elite six-nation event, appeared set to share the points after a spectacular goal by Bjorn Michel in the sixtieth minute. Michel executed a reverse flick from the top of the circle that easily beat Ronald Jansen, the Holland goalkeeper, but Germany's joy lasted only seven minutes before Van Wijk hit the winning goal.

#### Enstone finally beaten

RUGBY FIVES: Wayne Enstone, 23 times the national singles champion, has finally lost his title, to Nell Roberts. In a magnificent three-game final on his home courts in Manchester. Enstone, 44, was outplayed in the first game but rallied in typical fashion to win the second and go 4-0 up in the third before his younger opponent's strength eventually told. Roberts, of Yorkshire, who has been runnerup to Enstone four times in recent years and has already won many regional titles, is a worthy successor to the sport's

#### Scotland make it three

CURLING: Scotland's men won their third consecutive European championship in Copenhagen on Sunday. The quartet of Hammy McMillan, Norman Brown, Mike Hay and Brian Binnie beat Sweden 10-3 in typically flamboyant style. The women's title went to Switzerland for the first time in II years when Mirjam Ott's inexperienced squad beat Sweden 7-4. The Scotland women's team lost their thirdplace play-off to Germany 6-4. England lost their world championship placing when they were beaten 9-4 by Finland and thus finished eighth overall.

#### FOOTBALL: CENTRAL DEFENDER LIKELY TO MAKE TOTTENHAM DEBUT AT ELLAND ROAD

PD(TUPIES: Saturday: New York Jutta v Philadelphia; Chicago v San Diego, Sunday: Carolina v Bathmora; Housson: V Cincinnati; Detroit v Green Bay; Kansas City v Indianspolis; Dallas v New England; New York Glastis v New Orteans; Atlanta v St Louis; Pittsburgh v San Francisco; Minnesota v Tampa: Bay; Darwer v Oedand; Atzona v Washington; Jacksonville v Seattle. Monday; Mismi v Buffalo

### Scales prepares for storm

JOHN SCALES is prepared for a hostile reception at Elland Road on Saturday. The 30-year-old central defender will have his first training session with Tottenham Hotspur today and will make his debut against Leeds United, the club he decided not to join at the last minute, if he recovers from a groin

Scales signed a 32-year deal at White Hart Lane yesterday forn Liverpool had been agreed. Bill Fotherby, the Leeds chairman, was left furious and embarrassed after lining up a news conference at which he had hoped to unveil his new signing.
Scales is only too aware of

the test of character that lies immediately ahead in his native Yorkshire. "It could be a tricky weekend but I am prepared for that," Scales, who was born in Harrogate,

By Our Sports Staff said. It was a very difficult

situation. I had my medical at Leeds and they wanted to know. But I always said I would make my decision over the weekend. Coming home on the train last night I made my mind up to join Tottenham and I felt happy with that. "I am looking forward to training with Tottenham. I

because of the injury, so I am looking for a good week's Scales's agent, Eric Hall, said he believed the former Wimbledon player wanted to move back down south. "I think, if I'm totally honest ... he wanted to move back to London. Liverpool didn't want

have been out for a few weeks

this decision because the club was in London." George Graham, the Leeds manager, was philosophical about Scales's move. "The

him so he had to make the

decision. I believe he made

boy has made his choice and that is the end of the matter, Graham said. "We only want players who want to play for the club.

Yesterday Graham did manage to complete his first signing for Leeds, bringing Gunnar Halle from Oldham Athletic for £400,000. Halle, 31, was on the point of signing for Leeds in September, but Howard Wilkinson lost his job as manager and the deal fell But Graham revived the

dub's interest and signed the player on a 22-year contract.
"He'll be a very useful addition to our squad," Graham said. Halle, capped 52 times by Norway, moved to Boundary Park from Lillestrom in 1990. He can play in either full-back position or in midfield, "It is a bonus to have someone who can play in different positions," Graham

#### **Emerson flies back** to chilly reception

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE meteorological deficien-cies of the North East, which have exerted a chilling influence on the saga of Emerson's footballing tenure at Middlesbrough, gave the plot another twist yesterday. The Brazil-ian, who has made a series of trips home to be with his wife because she could not cope with the English winter, was due to fly into Teesside yesterday, only to discover that it was fog-bound. The plane was diverted to Newcastle

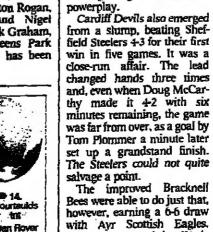
When he eventually finds his way back to the Riverside Stadium, he will find Middlesbrough officials keen to draw a veil over his three unapproved absences apart, of course, from a £100,000 fine imposed last week - and anxious to restore some sort of normal service. Wales, in need of a boost to

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE

their World Cup campaign after a 7-1 defeat against Holland in their last qualifying match, were relieved to hear yesterday that Rustu Recher, the first-choice Turkey goalkeeper, will miss their group seven match in Cardiff on Saturday because he has to undergo surgery to cure his injured

Injuries have also taken their toll of Northern Ireland. whose misfortune was typi-fied by the case of Jim

Magilton, the Southampton midfield player, who was forced to cry-off only hours after being summoned to the squad in the wake of the withdrawals of Anton Rogan, Danny Griffin and Nigel Worthington, Mark Graham, the uncapped Queens Park Rangers defender, has been



however, earning a 6-6 draw with Ayr Scottish Eagles. thanks to a goal by Wade Bucsis just over two minutes from the final buzzer. The Eagles appeared to be having difficulty in putting the

Cup disappointment behind them, but they rallied disappointment from a 5-3 deficit midway through the second period to score four goals in little more than 14 minutes and lead 6-5 with eight minutes remaining. Then Buesis struck.

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#### SAILING Smith bids for all-British boat

By EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

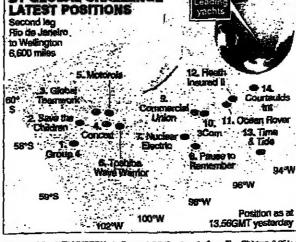
A COMPLEX deal that would allow Lawrie Smith to leave EF Education, the Swedish Whitbread round the world syndicate, and sail instead under a British flag in a boat sponsored by Silk Cut, was still being worked on yesterday after its formal announcement was cancelled at

the last minute. The deal, which may involve Paul Cayard. the American skipper, taking Smith's place with EF, has been in planning for months. If it goes ahead, Smith will be free to choose an all-British crew for what he hopes will be his best

shot at winning the race. A spokeswoman for Smith said yesterday is thought to be substantial enough that the deal would still be going ahead but

claimed that it had not been possible to announce the move as planned because of a "technical-legal hitch" that had to be overcome. One issue that was thought to have been delaying the conclusion was deciding on a location and builder suitable for the construction of a new Whitbread 60. Smith has already chosen several British

crew for his EF boat, who include Adrian Stead and Neal MacDonald. It is thought, though, that they would move with him to the Silk Cut boat if the agreement is finalised. The size of the Silk Cut commitment was not confirmed, but it is thought to be substantial enough to allow



SNOOKER

#### Williams finds cold comfort in delay

FROM PHIL YATES IN OSNABRUCK

PROFESSIONAL snooker experienced its first delay due to climatic conditions for more than two decades here yesterday when the opening match in the German Open, between Ken Doherty and Mark Williams, was suspended because of intense cold in the arena.

With Williams holding a 3-1 lead, tournament organisers were obliged to halt play indefinitely after a malfunction of the heating system in the gymnasi-um at the British Army base that is acting as the venue for the closing world-ranking event of the

Not since the 1973 world championship, when a leaking roof at the City Exhibition Halls, Manchester, sent Alex Higgins and Fred Davis scurrying for cover, has the weather intervened in a game usually immune to outside influences.

When the interruption occurred, Williams was within two frames of a place in the quarter-finals after maintaining the excellent form that saw him capture the Grand Prix title in October and that has carried him to third in latest provisional world rankings. Williams stole the open-

ing frame on the black. after Doherty had missed a difficult pot to a baulk pocket, and moved 2-0 ahead with runs of 38 and 46 in the second, Doherty impressively accounted for the third frame with a 122 clearance, an early candidate for the event's £5,000 highest televised break award. Williams, recognised as one of the circuit's most accurate and confident potters, swiftly replied with 97, however, to

win the fourth. The players, clearly upset by the bizarre interruption will, under a new directive from the game's governing body, be unable to air their views to the media. The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) has recently warned players of the pos-sibility of disciplinary action for speaking critically of tournament conditions. ☐ John Higgins, of Scot-land, was bidding to to make it five wins out of five against Tony Drago when he faced the Malta No I in the German Open here last night.

**RUGBY UNION: AMATEUR VALUES COME TO THE FORE IN VARSITY MATCH** 

### Students on course to uphold tradition

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

THERE have been 114 matches between the universities of Oxford and Cambridge before the meeting at Twickenham today, but few have been attended by such difficult circumstances. Difficult not only because Oxford's preparations have been marked by tragedy, but also because of the impact that the professional game is having on student rugby as a whole. The need for these universities, in particular, to sustain their profile

of excellence, is paramount. For the moment, all seems well. Indeed, support for this fixture may have been swelled by those averse to professionalism, to the poor management of the game at senior level, and who see in the university match one of the last bastions of amateurism

and wish to support it. More than 70,000 spectators are expected at Twickenham, a record for the fixture that bears testimony to the English veneration of sporting institutions, and, administrators should note, to their rarity value. At a time when international games are becoming commonplace, there is only one university match.

"I have played a fair level of rugby in South Africa but nothing that prepared me for Quentin de that game," Bruyn, the Oxford centre last year and their captain today, said of the occasion when he won his Blue, "People who are not from England don't appreciate the Varsity match until they are part of it. There is no comparison. I have never seen anything like it."

Neither Oxford nor Cambridge can rely upon the status quo. They have been helped this term by the quality of fixtures against touring sides from Western Samoa, South Africa and Queensland, but this season may turn out to be something of a freak in that respect. "We have no pretence to be a top-flight, first-division side," Ian Peck, the Cambridge treasurer, said, "We are not in the same class as them and we have to tailor our fixture list to reflect the new

professionalism. There is a balance to be achieved that can nurture the health of so worthy a cause as the university match. Hady Wakefield, the new chairman of the Bowring Group, whose 21st year of sponsorship this will be, said: "It's the embodi-

ment of sportsmanship, physi-

cal fitness and teamwork, which is why it appeals so

much to us." That balance may, in fact, tilt towards the universities over the coming years as promising players find that professional club rugby does not offer the kind of lifestyle they are seeking. We will keep ideas like the European student league warm until the game settles down and we can find out what is right for us," Peck said. "The one thing that won't change is the Varsity

Victory over Queensland and a one-point defeat by Western Samoa conspire to make Cambridge, holders of the Bowring Bowl, favourites today, but those bald facts have to be set against the extraordinary bonding pro-cess that has brought their opponents so close together since the death, in October, of Ian Tucker. The young Australian centre, who died after sustainting a head injury against Saracens, would sure ly have won his Blue, and his loss will be marked by a minute's silence and the absence of a No 12 - Tucker's shirt number - in the Oxford

Oxford will play this game not only for themselves and their university, but also as a memorial to Tucker, and it may lead them to heights they thought beyond them. They have a combative back row and a goalkicker in James Averis who, if he can overcome the sense of occasion, will serve his team well.

Cambridge, recognising the particular motivation for the Dark Blues, have brought Austin Swain, the sports psychologist from Loughborough, to their Bisham Abbey camp this week. Logic suggests that their pack, the best for many a year, should dictate the course of the game. Eight of their players have experienced the occasion before, among them Rob Ashforth, the talented standoff half and one of three undergraduates in the Cambridge side. Technically there are four, if the influential flanker, Marty Hyde, is included, since he is studying an undergraduate course in law having already acquired a degree in anthropology from Sydney University.

But then, when did logic have anything to do with the



Ashforth, a winner last year, will be hoping to guide Cambridge to further success



TODAY'S TEAMS AT TWICKENHAM

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

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D Penney (Mount Pearl HS and Wolfson)

M Orsier (King's, Cantierbury and Christ Church)

T Eisenhauer (St Ignatius, Sydney and St Anne's)

K Spicer (Clongowes Wood, Dublin and St Anne's)

C McCarthy (St Many's Coll, Dublin and Templeton)

J Kindon (Millfeld and Queen's)

Referee: J Pearson (Durham)

TV: BBC2 (from 1.45pm)

REPLACEMENTS: 17 T Jensen (St Edmund's, Carberra and Kebie): 18 C Jones (Easthampstead Park, Wokingham and Umversky), 19 J Britton (Wellington College and New College): 20 S Mathieson (Clyn, Evell and Keble), 21 D Grant (DCIar Academy and Worcester), 22 K Svoboda (Centermal SS, Criano and Templeton).

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T Walsh (St Joseph's Coll, Brisbane and Keble)

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R Browne (St Michael's Coll, Dublin and University)

11 R Phillips (Llanhari and Homerton)

10 R Ashforth (Bradford GS and Peterhouse) 9 B Ryan (Wimbledon Coll and Homerton) 9 8 Hyan (Wimbledon Coll and Homerton)
1 G Reynolds (Cheshunt and Homerton)
2 T Murphy (St Joseph's, Brisbane and St Edmund's)
3 N Holgete (Armithorpe CS and Robinson)
6 M Hyde (St Ignatius Colf. Sydney and St Edmund's)
4 R Bramley" (OEGS Walvafield and St Edmund's)
5 A Craig (Taurarigo Boys, NZ and Hughes Hall)
7 J Griffiths (Crossley Heath, Hallicx and St Edmund's)
8 R Earnshaw (Yarm and St John's)

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## Wales undergo ageing process

By DAVID HANDS

THE Welsh pendulum, which swung so vigorously towards youth a year ago, continued its journey back to experience yesterday when the team that will play South Africa at Cardiff on Sunday was on Sunday was named. It includes first caps for the Pontypridd forwards. Mark Rowley and Dale McIntosh, of whom Rowley achieves international status at the ripe age of 32. Last season, the optimistic

talk was of building towards 1999 and the World Cup with such bright new talent as Justin Thomas, Leigh Davies and Gwyn Jones. Now the Wales management has been forced to sound the retreat to some degree, partly through injury but also through loss of form. Thus Thomas and Davies now find themselves in

A team and the harder heads - including the swath of former rugby league talent take their place.

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There are four changes from the XV that started against Australia nine days ago, though only two from that which finished beaten 28-19. Wayne Proctor has not recovered from the knee injury sustained in that game, so Neil Jenkins stays at full back: Hemi Taylor is also injured and his place in the back row goes to McIntosh, while the two Joneses, Derwyn at lock and Kingsley on the open-side flank, give way to Rowley and

Colin Charvis.

A forthright display in a disappointing Barbarians XV at Twickenham on Saturday confirmed McIntosh's place, though Pontypridd followers. delighted to see seven of their players named in the senior and A squads, have been singing his praises for some time. However, it was not until this month that the New Zealand-born flanker became eligible, after a flirtation with Scotland three years ago that earned him an A cap. "I have served MY

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The understanding at the and Rowley, 6ft 7in and 17st, will have contributed towards the pair's elevation in an area where Derwyn Jones and Gareth Llewellyn singularly failed against Australia.
"After that game it became obvious that we needed to adjust the balance among the back five [forwards]," Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach,

"We needed players with an additional physical edge to stamp their authority in the forward exchanges and on the game as a whole - McIntosh, Charvis and Rowley fit into that category."

Allan Bateman, another former rugby league player, makes his way to the replacements' bench and might have been selected in the XV but for Gareth Thomas's prompt recovery from a facial injury over the weekend. The Bridgend centre damaged his palate but will play with a special protective gum shield.

WORD-WATCHING

#### Answers from page 44

HARDOCK

(c) Some coarse, weedy plant, probably burdock. Probably from the Old English har ic hoar dock. The burdock has hoary foliage. Some have however suggested that the word is a misprint for

(c) A woman's jacket or bodies. From the French juppe a variant of jupe. Fleeknoe, 1670: "This Play of ours, just like some Vest or Jup./ Worn twice or thrice, was carefully laid up." IMMORTELLE

(b) A name of various composite flowers of papery texture, especially Helichrysum orientale and other species of Helychrisum, which retain their colour long after being dried. The white love-everlasting the same that the chaplets are made of by the French and Swiss girls to adorn the tombs of their friends, and which they call immortelle, the Americans call it different actions.

KIER (b) Either a brewing-vat, or a large wash-tub in which clothes are boiled. From the Old Norse ker a vessel.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE ... Bith3 2 Nxh3 Rh6 and wins. White can give a few checks with his rook. Vince Wright | but to no effect.

### Harlem, the new Eden?

thing to Write Home About. Radio 4 (FM). 10.00am. If Harlem is the black heart of New York City and 125th Street its backhone, its spirit is almost as easily pinned down, and its components are examined by the Jamaican-born writer and broadcaster Ferdinand Dennis. Resilience, unsurprisingly, is one of them. Pride in achievement is another. Once, no Airican Americans owned anything worth owning in 125th Street. Now, many of them do. As to faith in the future, Dennis does not encounter anyone with more of it than the Baptist minister who prophesies a Harlem 2000 in which all the streets are paved with gold, disease is eliminated, and every child has sparkling eyes. A laudable but laughable vision? This self-styled merchant of hope makes a most persuasive salesman.

The Story of Riverdance. Radio 2. 9.00pm.

Nothing I say about this Irish dance phenomenon will change anybody's mind about it. You are for or against it, and that's that. I feel that if God had intended us to dance with arms hanging stiffly from our shoulders — I believe they call it slip jigging — he wouldn't have given us arms. Inevitably, it is an activity that will lose something on radio. Therefore, Wendy Pliner's Radio 2 feature will concentrate on its hope commercial success. The sudden departure from Riverdance — The Show of its founding father, Michael Flatley, filled many column inches in the press. Tonight's feature promises when the press. some new disclosures about it.

7.00em Chris Evens 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lies l'Anson, Includes at 12.30pm-12.45 Newsbeat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Events Evender 4.40 h Milhor and Evering Session, with Jo Whiley and Stave Lemaco 9.00 Cling Film, with Mark Kermode and Mary Anne Hobbs 10.00 Mark Raddilfe 12.00 Claire Sturgess 4.00am Clive Warren

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6.00em Sarah Kennedy 7,30 Wake Up to Wogan 9,30 Ken Bruce 11,30 Debbie Thrower 1.30pm Ed Stewart 3.00 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 6.00 Ed Stewart 7.90 Hayes Over Bittein 6.30 The Women in His Life (8/8) 9.00 The Stary of Riverdance, See Choice 10.00 John Modimer presents the Trials of Pause for Thought 3.00 Alies er, incl 3.30 Pause for Thought

#### RADIO 5 LIVE

S.00em Morning Reports, incl. at 5.45 Wake up to Money 8.00 The Breeklast Programme, Incl. at 6.55, 7.55 racing preview 8.35 The Magazine, with Diana MacRil 12.00 Middey with Mair, Incl. at 12.35pm Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Edra, incl. at 7.20 Sports Bulletin 7.35 The Tuesdey Matich, with Mark Pougatch, Dundse United v Rangers in the Scottist premisr diselect 10.05 News Telk 11.00 Night Extra. 12.05em After Hours 2.05 Lip All Might, with Rhold Sharp Up All Night, with Fihod Sharp

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#### CLASSIC FM

4.00em Mark Griffiths 6.00 Miles Read 5.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Concerts. Goldmark (Violn Concerto in A minor, Op 28) 3.00 Jamie Cnck 6.00 Newsnight 6.30 Sonata, Profesiev (Flute Sonata in Dimejor, Op 949) 7.00 The Opera Guida with Hugh Macpherson 8.00 Evening Concert, Franck (Violin Sonata in A. Symphony in Diminor); Seint-Saans (Cambul of the Animals) 10.00 Michael Macoln 1.00em Med Cooper

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scoarpis); Vaughan Williams
(Ovadure: The Waspa);
Waber (Was zieht zu deinem Zauberkreise; Er an Sie; ich sah an Roschan); Beck (Symphony in E Rat Op 3 No 4) 8.50 An Advent Calendar Homing Collection, Rossini (String Sonata No 3 in C); Mascanni (Voi lo sacete.

Mascagni (Voi lo sapete, Cavalieria Rusticana); Dvolitik (Piano Concerto In G minor,

original version); Musical Encounters, Mozert Musical Encounters, Mozet (Nozze di Figero, excerpts); Brahms (Seuen Places, Op 116); Mozet (Clemenza di Tito, excepts); Schubert (Ene deine Trauenmusik); Britten (Centicle III); Biber (Battella); Mozett (Lucio Sila, excerpts); Sobt (Pottorum on Decree Sport (Potpouni on Theme

Mozart); Biber (Sonata à ; Mozart (Pigaro, excerpts) omposer of the Week: 2.00 Composer of the W Robert Shipson 1.00pm News; The BBC Orchestras, 800

Symphony Orchestra under Martyn Brabbins, Piers Hellawell (Memorial Cairns):

hayon (symprony No 99 in East)

1.40 William Billings. Northern Harmony performs music by the American composer

2.25 Ensemble (f)

3.10 The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Mark Wigglesworth. With Lars Vogt, plano. Includes Hayon (Symphory No 1 in D); Schubert (Symphory No 8 in 8 minor.

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Unfinished): Beethoven
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41 in C, Jupiter)
5.00 The Music Mactime. Tommy
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actress and TV presenter
Toyah Willicox.
5.15 in Tune. Includes Poulenc
(Sinfonietta): Stravirsky

on Intelligences Pouerc (Sinfoniette); Stravirsky (Circus Polke); Vivelci (Cello Concerto in F, FW410) Chamber Music from Manchester, Live from Studio Seven, New Broadcasting House, Martin Roscoe and Ronan C'Hore, risence

Floscoe and Ronan O'Hora, pianos. Schumann (Andante and Variations in B list, Op 45); Britten (Mazurka Elegiaca, Op 33 No 2); Mozart (Sonata in D, K448) 8.20 Interval 8.40 Concert, part two. Britten (Introduction and Rondo Burlesque, Op 23 No 1); Brahms (Variations on a Thame by Haydn, St Antoni Chorale)

Chorale)
9.30 Present Tense: The
Enduring World of the Innu.
James Wilson follows Plen
Penashus and his family as they hunt and fish across the Labrador perinsula (2/5)
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eine Polke); Haydn (Symphony No 84 in E fiati (r) 10.45 Night Waves with Richard 11.30 Composer of the West:

Luffy (r) 12.30em Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather
1.00 Through the Night, with
Donald Macleod

(3/6) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4, with Jenny Cuffe
8.00 Science Now. The latest

from the world of science,

mathematics tick (r)
8.30 The Road to Repair. Janny
Cuffe assesses the effect of
residential care on young

people who have been disturbed, destructive or

definquent (r)
9.00 in Touch. Peter White with
news, views and information
for visually impaired people
9.30 Kalektoscope (r) 9.59

Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with

Isabel Hilton 10.45 Book at Bedtlane: The Great Pursuit. Tom Sharpe's

carder rurada, rom shape's comic novel set in the world of publishing. Read by Willie Rustiton (2/10)

11.00 Meditumwave. The week's events in the media (r)

11.30 Cook's Tour (FM). John

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bird introduces part one or the lives and times of Peter Cook. With Jonathan Miller. Alan Bennett, Willie Rushton, Chris Morris and John Cleese

including the fourth in a series of research round-ups. Peter Evans discovers what makes

#### RADIO 4 6.30 A Little of What You Fency. David Jeson stars as Pop Larkin and Pern Ferris as Ma in Eric Pringle's dramatisation of the novel by H.E. Bates (3/6) (4)

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Choice 10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour 11.30 Medicine Now, Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care

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12.00 News; You and Yours, with
Lesley Rodoch
12-25pm Random Edition:
October 30, 1824, Peler Snow

with more news from a single day in history 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Thirty Minute
Theatre: I Should be So
Lucky, by Leskey Whiteley,
Rosetta wants to be just like
Kylie, With Sunetra Sarker,
Andrew Schofield and Melissa
Singley Sinden

2.30 Personal Records. Jeremy Nicholas talks to the conductor Sir Charles

Mackerns
3.00 The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kateldoscope,
Paul Vaughan considers a
new collection of 20th-century
ghost stories
4.45 Short Story: The Execution,
by Dephne Glazer, Read by
Petrica Hodge
5.00 PMr. With Charite Lee-Potter
and Nigel Wrench 5.50
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12.00 News incl 12.27am approx
Weather
12.30 The Late Book: Carol. The final part of Patricle Highsmith's love story (r) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.5-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.8; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 683, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSEC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio Batlogs compiled by Peter Dear, Iss: Hughes, Rosentary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.



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How do you feel

# Best keep your distance from the fearless

carless people are terrifying.
Take Douglas Bader, subject
of last night's Secret Lives (Channel 4) - he was fearless; everybody said so. Glenn, unlikely heroine of King Girl (BBC2) — she was fearless, too. It's the basic human instinct of fear that keeps us civilised, makes us learn things at school, stops us from crashing expensive planes all over the place. As a society, we admire fearless people, but as these two offerings last night made clear, it is dangerous to make one your friend. Along with fear - in the same package of the brain — come empathy and imagination. This explains why it's often useless to make violent offenders confront their crimes. Ask them "How would you like it?" and, being fearless, they have no mental bag of spanners to deal

with such a suggestion.

Secret Lives chose a good subject in Douglas Bader. For one thing, his large heroic reputation

real memory of the man; for another, his old Air Force pals are still around to set matters straight. There was no suspicion of unfairness in the film, in fact, because the testimonies were virtually unanimous: Bader was an insensitive and aggressive show-off who exag-gerated his exploits. "Five for a certi" he would announce outrageously, returning from a dog-fight. No, the difference of opinion in Simon Berthon's film concerned simply whether a man with such an obnoxious character can be forgiven and loved for the other things he achieves.

It was no surprise, of course, to learn that the movie Reach for the Sky was not gospel truth -- though. apparently its star. Kenneth More. assumed it was. In the 1950s, turning up to address former. prisoners of war, the actor announced he would speak on Douglas Bader. Sucked teeth and

shaken heads were the reply. "I wouldn't do that. They all hate him." At which point in Secret Lives, Bader's fellow PoWs told us what a liability he was. His famous habit of baiting and insulting the Germans was remembered not as morale-boosting, but as unnecessary and idiotic; his fine desire to escape at all costs was ultimately selfish and endangered others. When Bader was finally hauled off to Colditz, the other prisoners applauded. Fearless people, as I mentioned earlier, can be hell to have around.

The rather contrived Wicked Women "season" on BBC2 followed up last week's lurid and star-spangled Brazen Hussies with King Girl - a film dissimilar in every respect. King Girl was a tense, lean drama (dominant colour charcoal grey) ostensibly addressing the topical subject of violent girl-gangs, but in the

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

process going deep into the scary abyss of adolescent loneliness. For the foul, 14-year-old Glenn, with ugly short hair and boys' clothes, was dangerously frustrated, and her jangling hormones weren't helping. In a sparsely worded script by Philomena McDonagh. Glenn was powerfully effective when she didn't speak. when she just swaggered on Bradford garage roofs, or stared or

curtains simply by the power of negativity, and her bullying of the inoffensive Gail arose from the most negative feeling of all — jealousy — because Gail had a dead Daddy, whom she could visit in the cemetery. Glenn's father, by contrast, had given her a boy's name and scarpered, while Mam was now permanently drunk and Y-shaped with ugly men, with the bedroom door left open.

I doubt King Girl will be shown in schools to help the bullying

problem, partly because its depiction of teachers was so thoroughly unflattering. But Glenn's gender confusion and uncontrollable sexual aggression were so well presented that personally, I felt I'd learnt something. Both Glenn and Gail carried heavy responsibility

— Glenn for her small sister, Gail for her grieving mother - giving them additional reasons to say

spat. She was the kind of adolesevent girl who can set fire to wrong?" The director, Sam Miller, look each other up, Moll" — but got excellent performances from Louise Atkins (Glenn) and Cathy Purcell (Gail). The idea that Glenn's real name is something girly like Louise is quite impossible to take in, actually.

> ot a load of laughs, last night, then: just a lot of fearless people getting away with it. The four-part Moll Flanders (ITV) got away with it, too, in the end, through sheer nerve. Just as Moll herself grew hardened to her life of shame, so the series gritted its teeth, narrowed its eyes, cinched its waist. and just toughed it out to the bitter end - the ridicule of the critical press notwithstanding.

I seem to be the only person who didn't care too much about the consistent breezy anachronisistic talk in Andrew Davies's script. True, Moll's old lover said to her

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the point was, it was all like that. you grew to expect it. Personally, I was grateful for the absence of odd-boddikins, and felt released from my usual costume drama duty of listening for historical mistakes and yelling: Nobody in Trollope says horrendous!" while running for the Shorter Oxford.

We critics do (rightly) worry about such things, but we must always remember, too, that our ardour sometimes leads us into trouble. When the Emma Thompson Sense and Sensibility was released, a film critic protested at the line "I'll eat my own vomit". Obviously, such a sentiment expressed at a Jane Austen picnic came as a terrible affront to his well-tuned ear. But alas, dear reader, the line was "I'll eat my own bonner" and the critic, if he had any shame, went to his reference section and

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (33818) 7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (1) (34229) 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (1)

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (4903851) 9,45 KILROY (6666010)

10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (59854) 11.00 NEWS (T), regional news and weather (3366294)

11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW CONSUMER ADVICE (5367107) 11.45 Smillie's People (2266978)

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6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES (749)

HOLIDAY SPECIAL: FASTEN YOUR SEATBELT Jill Dando and Kevin Woodord

experience some of the everyday jobs in the travel industry (1) (8107) 7.30 EASTENDERS Grant and Tillary do not see eye to eye. Peggy has some devestating news for George (1) (961) 8.00 999 LIFESAVERS Re-enactments of real-life deeds of derring-do. Plus, a look-at car safety for children (1) (7855)

8.30 A QUESTION OF SPORT AN MOCK and John Parrott captain two teams of sporting celebrities (1) (2590)

9.00 NEWS (I), regional news and weather

9.30 ONE POOT IN THE GRAVE Victor is called up for jury service. Starring Richard Wilson and Annette Crosble (r) (F) (35861) WALLES: Just Across the Water 10,00 CRIMEWATCH UK with Nick Ross and

Jill Dando (1) (753687) : . 10.50 FILM: Tremora (1990) sterring Kevin Becon and Fred Ward. A spoof of 1950s films featuring horror creatures. Directed by Ron Underwood (f) Continued at 11.50 (823565) WALES: One Foot in the Grave 11.20 Film: Tremors 12.10am. Crimewatch UK Update 12.20 Film: Tremors continued 1.00 Film: Roxanne - the Prize Pulitzer 2.30 News .

11.40 CRIMEWATCH UK UPDATE (I) (784687)

11.50 FRLM: Tremore continued (578403) 12.30am PILM: Rocanne — The Prize Pullitzer (1988) starring Peny King and Pulitzer's marriage. Directed by Richard

2.00 WEATHER (6092689)

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esh Prince of Bel Air (r) (369403)



Judge Martin Tucker (7.30pm)

7.30 THE VERDICT David Rose tra around the country meeting High Court and circuit judges to discover how they arrive at their decisions (T) (403) 8.00 UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE (T) Newnham Coflege, Cambridge v the London School of Economics (T) (5497)

8.30 FOOD AND DRINK Jilly Goolden and Oz Clarks visit port producers in the Douro Valley in Portugal (T) (4872) 9.00 MURDER MOST HORRID The Grim

Reaper faces an existence of infinite agony unless she can rescue har ternished reputation (r) (T) (8132). 9.30 TOP GEAR Jeremy Clarkson test-drives Honda's Pretude coupé (T) (33403) . 10.00 NEVER MIND THE BUZZCOCKS Pop quiz hosted by Mark Lamerr (T) (20497)

10,30 NEWSNIGHT (T) (368213) A ROOM WITH TWO VIEWS The journalist Jon Wilde and John Beyer, the secretary of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association argue about the effects of bad language (430213) 11.45 HUMAN RIGHTS, HUMAN WRONGS

(r) (414316) 12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (17072) 12.30am THE LEARNING ZONE: OU: -Women's Studies (93904) 1.00 Four

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#### CHOICE

Fasten Your Seatheir BBC1, 7.00mm

It is not quite Angela Rippon high-kicking with Morecambe and Wise but Jill Dando as an air hostess is a further example of a newsreader being thrust into an unfamiliar newsreader being thrust into an unfamiliar role. The air hostess idea is a spin-off from another of Dando's jobs, as presenter of the Holiday series. As she also anchors Crimewatch UK it may be only a matter of time before we see her as a copper. Meanwhile, the Boeing 767 flight from London to Orlando sees the trimiyuniformed Dando checking the loo rolls, serving the drinks and meals and getting into an almostive tamele over the dunsfire. into an almighty tangle over the duty-free. But she is such a lovely giggler when things go wrong that everybody forgives her. Not to be outdone, Kevin Woodford, Dando's colleague on Holiday, becomes an entertainments officer on a cruise liner.

Ride On Channel 4, 8,00pm

Muriel Gray and the team sign off the present series by taking part in, walt for it, a lawnmower race. It is supposed to be a cheap alternative to motor racing, but as the machine has no suspension and the course is a rough and bumpy field, the pleasures of the sport are a little hard to understand. The race goes on for a penishing 12 hours and for the Ride On team almost everything that can go wrong does. But trust Gray to find a cheery bon mot or two. Otherwise, as tends to happen, the show is dominated by the car. A piece about young men who buy ordinary Vauxhall Novas, soup them up with turbocharged engines and tease Porsche drivers holds few surprises. Entering less familiar territory is a report from Dover on how customs officers know which cars to search for illicit drugs and guns.

Network First: Silent Victims ITV. 10.40pm

Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, was convicted of murdering 13 women and ttempting to murder another seven. This film suggests that the real tally could be much higher. It claims that contrary to what the police believed at the time Sutcliffe did not just target prostitutes but any women who trod ionely roads at night. Nor were his activities confined to Yorkshire. The main source for the story is Keith Hellawell, now Chief Constable of West Yorkshire Police. who has spent several years looking into unsolved crimes which could be linked to Sutcliffe. He has also talked to Sutcliffe in prison. The film features the testimonies of several women who suffered vicious attacks which bore Sutcliffe's hallmarks. One of them, who was savagely beaten and left for dead more than 20 years ago, says that even at this stage a confession from Suicliffe

A Room With Two Views: Bad Language BBC2, 11.15pm

Far from debasing the language, effing and blinding actually enriches it, according to Jon Wilde, a journalist from Loaded magazine. So he is unlikely to find common ground with John Beyer, who has succeeded viary Whitehouse as secretary of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, And nor does he, though the debate is conducted with courtesy on both sides and, perhaps surprisingly given the subject, with the minimum use of any words that could cause offence. As witnesses for the delence Wilde calls Chaucer, Shakespeare, Dennis Potter and James Kelman. Beyer retorts that the use of bad language is insulting and indicative of a poor vocabulary and he castigates television and the cinema for promoting it. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (7069229) 9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (4815852) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (T) (2427010) 10.00 THE TIME ... THE PLACE (19475) 10.30 THIS MORNING (60733749) 12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (2577215) 12.30 NEWS (T) and weather (95%5774)

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7.30 THE MIDDLE AGES Ray Gosling meets middle-aged people who have fallen in or out of love (r) (229)

8.00 THE BILL Carver's patience is tested by a compulsive llar (2923) 8.30 THE COOK REPORT UPDATE In the

last of the series Roger reviews some of the stories he has covered and looks at the impact they have made (1) (4958) 9.00 SOLDIER, SOLDIER A stag trip to France ends in chaos as Butcher and Evans are stranded on the Continent by a transport strike. Last in the series (T)

10.00 NEWS (I) and weather (17923) 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (1) (576855)



10.40 NETWORK FIRST: Silent Vicitms — The Untold Story of the Yorkshire Ripper Revealing new evidence concerning Peter Sutclitte's reign of terror (T) (568126) 11.40 HUNTER (691213)

12.35am ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS 12.40 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

EXTRA (6394275) 1,25 Fil.M: My Brother's Wife (1989) starring John Ritter, Mel Harris and Polly Bergen. Comedy drama about a perpetual prankster who has spent twenty years

just happens to be his sister-in-law. 3.10 LATE & LOUD (3533445) 4.05 THE CHART SHOW (r) (7918701)

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LIFE (28940) 1.00am RED BASE ONE FOUR

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8.30em WISH KID (25768) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (54039) 9.00 Here's One I Made Earlier (27300)

9.30 FILM: Virginia City (1940, b/w) A western adventure starring Errol Flynn, Randolph Scott and Humphrey Bogart. Directed by Michael Curtiz (1) (35942861) 11.40 LAWS OF MORTAL DANGER The problems of strictly observing the Sabbath (4389279) 12.00 House To House (14836) 12.30pm Trumpton (r) (91817213) 12.45 Afric Atkins (r) (91812768) 1.00 Sesame Street (36590) 2.00 The Playhouse (b/w). A Buster Keaton stent short from 1921 (36410710)

2.25 FiLM: Postmark for Danger (1955, b/w). A thriller starring Robert Beatty, directed by Guy Green (T) (759300) 4.00 FIFTEEN TO ONE (1) (958)

4.30 COUNTDOWN: The Search for the Supreme Champion (T) (942)

5.00 RICKI LAKE (T) (2513045) 5.45 POND LIFE (T) (631774) 6.00 BABYLON 5 (I) (T) (638381)

6.50 FRESH POP (868519) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (T) (576497) 7.55 THE SLOT (886720)



8.00 RIDE ON Alain De Cadenet meete customs officers who search cars for contrabend. With Muriel Gray and Mark Walton, he takes part in a 12-hour endurance race for

lawnmowers and meets a group of Vauxhall Nova enthusiasts. Last in series

(f) (8215) 8.30 BROOKSIDE is Jimmy about to leave the

Close for good? Jack's past is worrying Terry (7) (2300) 9.00 BLACK BOX: A Wing and a Prayer The deadly effects of small flaws in planes' ground maintenance (T) (8671) 10.00 DROP THE DEAD DONKEY Helen finds

that she is not alone on the night shift. altering experience and Joy admits that she is involved in a rather unusual relationship (1) (239805) 10.36 CHEERS Boston bar comedy. Sam is

overloved when Rebecca Invites him back to her place (r) (372565) 11.05 NORTHERN EXPOSURE The arrival of

a letter leads to Maggie contempleting her life (T) (244774) 12.00 LUMBERJACKS OK! Includes a nighttime visit to Squarnish (6239701) 12.35am THE WHITE ROOM Featuring music

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media baron (81987411)
3.45 FILM: The Other (1972). A chiller about young twins, one good, the other evil, fiving in Connecticut farming country during the 1930s. Directed by Robert Mulligan (386362). Ends at 5.35

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**TUESDAY DECEMBER 10 1996** 

# England give Guscott a wide berth

JACK ROWELL, the England rugby union coach, like Mar-garet Thatcher in her palmiest days, is not for turning. Others may continue the debate over the side's most effective midfield combination, but only injuries have forced Rowell into two changes for the international against Argentina at Twickenham on

Tim Stimpson, the Newcastle full back, was concussed playing for the Barbarians against Australia on Saturday and delayed concussion was also diagnosed for Adedayo Adebayo after Bath's triumphant rally against Harlequins in the league. Adebayo was involved in the collision that left Jim Staples, the Harlequins and Ireland full back, with a broken law and may count himself lucky not to be as badly hurt as the

Though he did not say so outright, the distinct impression left as the England squad gathered at Marlow last night was that Rowell intended to do what he always said he would do and allow the XV named against Italy last month to go through all the pre-Christmas internationals. Now, however, he has given Nick Beal a first cap instead of Stimpson and in place of Adebayo on the left wing, Jeremy Guscott makes a surprise return to internation-

Not that Guscott's return is a surprise on form, but all his 45 caps have been won at centre and Rowell's critics will say that he has now taken the softer option rather than deciding which of three outstanding centres - Guscott, Will Carling and his captain, Phil de Glanville - he must do without. Yet there are plenty of recent precedents for moving a good footballer to the wing, where Damian Hopley and, more notably. Simon Halliday (Guscott's mentor at Bath) have appeared with success.

"We think Jerry deserves a place," Rowell said. "His attitude since he was dropped has been first class, as has his contribution to the squad. We did consider him on the left wing now and then last year. Will Carling has played extremely well, Jerry is pressing very hard and we will bite the bullet before the five nations."

On the left wing last season, of course, was Rory Underwood, who has faded from the scene with remarkable rapidity given that he is England's record caps-holder and tryscorer. His younger brother, Tony, was called into the squad only last week and would have seemed a natural replacement for Adebayo, but Rowell made the point that the England squad consisted of some 28 players and that



Guscott on the wing

### by way of confirmation that he was back in contention after

more than a year's absence. Guscott has always said he would play arrywhere for England, yet it may prove frustrat-ing to see his talents lying fallow on the wing if the midfield does not prove more creative than against Italy and the New Zealand Barbarians. On the other hand, the elevation of Beal is an exciting prospect and due reward for a alented player whose very versatility has been his worst

arrival by scoring two tries against Rory Underwood in a divisional match four years ago, Beal has tried hard to serve many masters, some of whom saw him as a stand-off half, others a centre or wing and yet more as a full back.

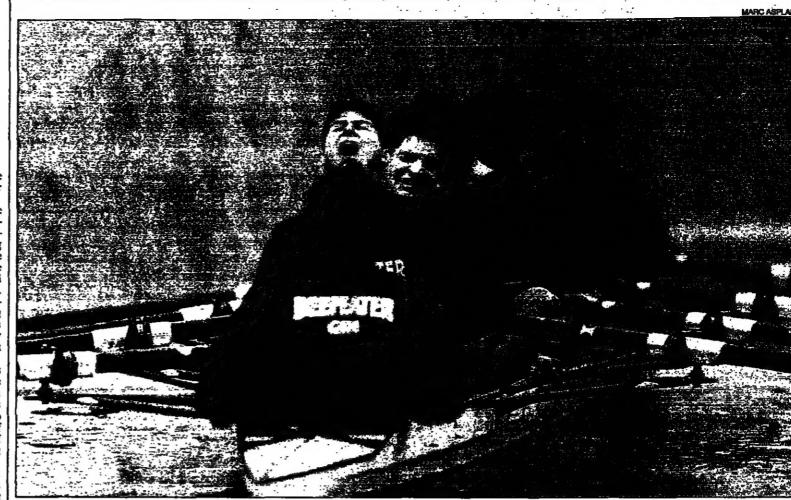
Ian McGeechan, his coach at Northampton, sees Beal, 26. as a back-three player, the roles of the wings and full back overlapping. "The jobs should be interchangeable suits Nick," McGeechan said "His self-confidence has returned and he comes on to the ball at such pace. He's faster and stronger this season than he has ever been."

There is little doubt that Beal, 6ft Zin and 14st, and Guscott will add speed and flair to England should the team choose to employ it. "In Beal we are looking for an allround player who is also a strike runner." Rowell said. He has also acquired a player who, though not first choice for his club, can kick goals. though the addition to the placements of Jonathan Callard is not without significance, in an era of tactical substitutions.

The coach also shrugged off any temptation to change the back row, even though Wasps choose now to play Lawrence Dallaglio as much on the blind-side flank as on the open side. The prospect of Ben Clarke champing at the bit among the replacements will be all the motivation that Dallaglio, Chris Sheasby and Tim Rodber need to sustain their roles against Argentina.

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### Oxford test the water in trial of strength





The victorious eight, above, feel the strain during the Oxford Boat Race trial yesterday while Tim Foster, the Olympic carsman, takes in the defeat

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#### FA docks Brighton two points By JOHN GOODBODY commission found the club chairman, who has yet to be

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Rick Parry will only take up his new job with Liverpool next summer. A four-man

panel has been appointed to

find a replacement for Parry.

who has overseen the success

of the League and trans-formed its financing since it

The appointments commit-tee will include Alan Sugar, of

Tottenham Hotspur, Terry Brown, of West Ham United,

Freddie Fletcher, of Newcastle

United, Phil Carter, of

Everton, and one other club

was set up in 1992.

has 14 days to appeal.

BRIGHTON and Hove Albion's hopes of survival were dealt another blow yesterday when the club was fined two points for crowd trouble durng the game against Lincoln The Football Association's

decision leaves the club, already without a manager and soon to be without a ground, 11 points adrift at the bottom of the Nationwide League. The FA, trying hard to broker a solution to the club's off-field problems, was unable to ig-nore two pitch invasions by protesting lans during the third division match against Lincoln City at the Goldstone Ground on October 1.

The club already had a suspended sentence of a threepoint deduction and a onematch ground closure hanging over it after disturbances last April. However, despite the fact that the crowd control

guilty of failing to control its spectators, the FA showed announced. The League expects to make clemency by deciding not to activate the suspended senthe appointment before or during the close season, when

ed two league points and ordered Brighton to pay the costs of the hearing. The club club that he has supported since boyhood, to become chief executive. Parry said yesterday: "I am The Premier League said yesterday that it is to begin searching immediately for a new chief executive, although

delighted it is going to be a seamless transition. I have

Parry will move to Liverpool, a



Parry: set up £36m deal

League from the start and want to see it going from strength to strength."

Parry, 42, who was recently given a pay rise to £200,000 a year after negotiating the new £800 million deal with BSkyB, announced his decision last week but will work six months' notice.

Details of his last significant deal on behalf of the League were armounced yesterday. Bass, the brewers of Carling lager, has increased its sponsorship to £36 million over four years, replacing the original £12 million deal.

☐ Ceitic's next two Bells Scottish League fixtures, at home to Kilmarnock tomorrow and away to Raith Rovers: on Saturday, have been called off. because Pierre van Hooijdonk and Jorge Cadete will be on international duty.

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is vacant after Jon Robinson, the WBU

president, refused to sanction the contest

last Friday between Montell Griffin and

James Toney in Nevada. Toney, the

### Boxing union seeks family values

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE Italian boxers' union has asked Carla de Chiara, whose son, Fabrizio. died after a bout last month, to become their honorary president. The 25-year-old boxer died from head injuries after being knocked down by Vincenzo Imparato in a national middlweight title bout at Carrara. His mother has since camnaigned against a ban on boxing, saying that her son's death was an accident that

was part of the sport. Sandro Lopopolo, president of the union, said: "We want to offer Fabrizio de Chiara's mother an honorary post, and we hope that she accepts. She could become our ambassador. She is an exceptional woman who understands more about boxing than some of the so-called experts. Her words, after the drama that happened to her son, are a esson to us all. I hope she agrees to

become our honorary president, it would be a significant move, particularly for

young people." The day after De Chiara died, his mother said she would not want to ban boxing "because to do so, would be for me to go against my son. Even though he is dead, he boxed of his own free will.

In Britain, there have been repeated calls for a bon on boxing after deaths and serious injuries in the ring, Last October. James Murray, died after a bantamweight title bout against Drew Docherty in Glasgow. Murray was knocked down in the final seconds of the 12-round bout, sparking a riot in the crowd as the boxer lay was being treated. The middle-weights, Michael Watson and Gerald McClellan, of the United States, have never recovered from head injuries they received in the ring.

titleholder from Chicago, was beaten by his Detroit opponent on a unanimous points decision in the 12-round contest. The rules state that Toney should be stripped of his title even though his

defeat came in a non-title bout. But Griffin, managed by London promoter Frank Maloney, is being regarded as the No I contender, rather than the champion. "He was none too pleased when I told him," Robinson said. "I refused to sanction the fight as the Nevada Commission insisted on appointing all three judges and the referee from Nevada.

"The WBU will not sanction any title

fights in Nevada until they comply with the American Boxing Commissioners' Meanwhile, the World Boxing Union guidelines, two from in and two from out (WBU) light-heavyweight championship

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